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Hatchet Job

Dear Editor,

Congratulations on your first hatchet job. However, as with losing one's virginity, the first time, for some, can be rather awkward. I believe that, with a little guidance, your future hatchets will have the smooth and polish, that your first one so desperately lacked.

Primarily, a hatchet must not seem contrived, nor forced. It should flow naturally, as if being ones actual beliefs. Even more classy is to give the deceased some sort of credit before the axe. One cannot then be accused of bias.

Discussing specifics, your photo caption titled *'Working class student claims raw deal from government'* was somewhat irrelevant. What could be better than *'Heroic working class student saves crowd from crazed reactionary'*? Happily, you managed to redeem yourself in writing *'unfortunately attention has been shifted from what Ann said byroversy over whether her action in Alastair Walton from the microphone was justified'*.

The bourgeois capitalistic press would, no doubt, have rather boringly focused attention on matters of assault and freedom of speech.

As another brilliant euphemism; you said *'speaking in anger, but nevertheless very pointedly'* rather than *'spouting ten minutes of pure obscenity'*. I was disappointed though, that you neglected to quote our feminists' main point, being *'In a democracy, people like him. (A.J.M.W.) should not be allowed to speak'*. I feel that its inclusion will be of special benefit to revolutionary comrades, in particular.

Perhaps your article's greatest shortcoming lay in a lack of attention to detail. You stated that only 200 students were listening to the speakers. This is obviously a gross misrepresentation, as I personally counted over 1,700 students. The best source of factual information in these areas is workers News. Moreover, the march to Parliament was disrupted only because the 400 undercover, National Civic Council (N.C.C.) members on campus managed to infiltrate the strike organisation itself. Why else would Clive McKillop a so called principal mobilization organizer, speak against marching? Why else would Ian Jordan, who spoke on the monopoly press (a clever diversionary tactic), then not vote to march to Parliament. Incidentally, I was standing next to comrade Jordan during the voting.

Finally your statement that mobilizations, rallies and speeches are becoming less successful is no less than heresy. When the noxious, N.C.C. weed on A.N.U. is dug out and destroyed, and when students refrain from party deviation, then we shall witness the true revolutionary union between students

EDITORIAL

Remember this, next election

You're going to see this about four times in this issue — the Government has broken its promise to maintaining a real growth rate of 2% in education expenditure. In recently announced guidelines Minister for Education Senator Carrick announced the formation of a Tertiary Education Commission to replace former Commissions, a spending freeze for universities and a near spending freeze for C.A.E.'s. The announcements were Carrick's but it is highly unlikely that the actions were — Carrick received his orders from Fraser in the same way that Lynch did over devaluation.

It is highly unlikely that the University will do much more than protest, or 'express its grave concern' communications which the government will acknowledge and then ignore. Fraser's ear

is held by the large manufacturers and miners most of whom have overseas connections and many of whom have had record profits this year. To illustrate, the budget submission of the Metal Trades Industry Association calls for drastic cuts in federal expend-

iture on health, education, social welfare and tax concessions for industry. It is fairly obvious which groups Fraser listening to.

This government breaks promises more readily than most of its predecessors and often they are broken for the most cynical of political reasons. — On the 8th of November 1975 Bob Ellicot the present Attorney-General circulated a 231 world telegram at taxpayers expense — assuring Aboriginal leaders and activists that there would be '... no cuts in Aboriginal Affairs budget or Aboriginal Affairs programme' The Aboriginal Affairs budget was slashed by 46% the following May. Then there was Medibank and now education. Just a few things I hope you'll remember next election time.

Phil Dickie



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(98% of whom descent from working class backgrounds) and workers, which will smash the system.

In future, Editor, if you wish to pander to your feminist and left wing critics, do go all the way. Nothing is quite so irritating nor so obviously false than a half caste effort that pretends to border on objectivity.

Yours,
A.J.M. Walton

Clive Explains

Dear Editor,

On matters relating to the National Mobilisation on April 28th (arising from comments in the last *Woroni* [Vol.29 No. 6]), I would just like to reply to a few criticisms.

Firstly on John Spahr's comments about the Rally, I agree that support was not great and A.U.S.'s timing and imagination were lacking. However, it was organised by the A.N.U.S.A. Education Committee for the sole purpose of protesting against education cutbacks. The speakers who chose to speak about the effects of cutbacks on unionism, workers and so on did so on their own volition. The commonality between those who protested against education cutbacks did not preclude them from having different political views in the same spirit.

The reasons why Alistair Walton was not allowed to continue his speech were twofold. Firstly, he was not speaking to the motion, which was that the rally march to Parliament House not that the rally and Mobilisation be called off. Secondly, the meeting was not a forum of political viewpoints towards government cutbacks in education but a rally specifically organised to protest against cutbacks. If Mr Walton had wished to comment on the bounty bestowed by our generous and humane government for the increased opportunities of the poverty stricken student then he should have set up his own rally. The spirit of the proceedings was diametrically opposed to him. The personal acts of Ann Cuddy, in my opinion, were consistent with the feeling of

the meeting but they were just that, personal acts. My subsequent removal of Mr Walton from the microphone were based on my responsibility as organiser to the other organisers and supporters of the protest.

Clive Mackillop
Joint-Chairperson
ANUSA Education
Committee.

Hare Brained

Dear Ed.,

I know that your policy is to print all articles offered, regardless of political affiliation, but for the sake of our stomachs I wish you would have exercised your editorial prerogative for once and not printed those absolutely crappy articles by Philip Hare of Corin.

In his first excuse for an article he cracks eighteen very poor jokes, which is about nineteen too many. What he said in about eight hundred words would have been better and more lucidly said in one hundred and fifty.

Mr Hare's second article seems to me as though he is flogging a dead horse. Apart from his subject matter his knowledge of law and English must indeed be sketchy if he believes that a recommendation from one committee to another automatically makes it a law.

In closing I hope to Christ someone takes phil hare's crayons away from him until he is old enough to know better.

Robert I.E. Lake

THE ENVIRONMENT GROUP MEETING WILL HAPPEN:

20 June 1p.m. The Bridge.

Bring along ideas about article collectives for the media; who to liaison with, and what to use; how to revitalise flailing bread bakers.

Sir,

I would be grateful if you would bring to the attention of your readers the facilities which the Union Shop provides for the marketing of second hand books — especially business hours and pricing.

Yours,
John Logan

Ed:- The Union Shop provides a selling service for students wishing to dispose of old textbooks etc. The maximum price you can put on a book is 2/3 of the new price and the shop's fee is 15% of your price. The shop, reached through the Union Shop, is open 10-11am and 12.30 - 1.30pm Mondays to Fridays and is, say the management, very, very popular.

Cottage

Dear Editor,

The Cottage, 16 Balmain Crescent, on campus is not, despite what Leila Bailey and Margaret Evans think, a 'Stress Cottage'. To quote from our brochure:

'The Cottage is situated in a peaceful surrounding with a tranquil atmosphere, and a large private garden.'

'People are welcome at any time for a break from the rush of campus life, for a cup of tea, an exchange of ideas with other people, or a bed for a few days.'

We do, of course, handle crisis situations on occasions, often merely as a referral or contact point. We offer support but not solutions. We do not claim to be professional in any sense, but we will assist people who are seeking professional aid. Our doors are always open and our phone number of (49) 4349. If you want to find out more about what The Cottage does and how it operates, why not drop round, have a look, have a cup of coffee or tea, or just take advantage of our open fire. Incidentally, we do run a Shop at The Cottage, so if you want to buy cheap clothes, books, bric-a-brac, or just want to get rid of some junk, 16 Balmain Crescent, next to the Molonglo Expressway, is the place to bring it or come and buy.

Nigel Wilkinson.

CAMPUS NEWS

GOVERNMENT BREAKS ANOTHER PROMISE

News is what someone, somewhere wants to suppress. Everything else is advertising.
Woroni takes news items and news tips. Contact the editor.

TOTALLY SCURRILOUS

Cleaning up after Walton

When he heard of the plan to make students of Bruce Hall work two hours per week at cleaning the Hall next year, a well-known resident (Alastair Walton) was heard to remark 'It will be good training for the women'. No further comment is needed.

The Warden of Bruce Hall at a later date suggested that Alastair should learn to use a certain elementary cleaning instrument Alastair immediately assured the meeting that he never would!

WORONI — as A.U.S. sees us.

Jefferson Lee, *National U* Editor, an intense Blinky Bill supporter said he had been told that the editor was liberal. Sarah Sheehan, A.U.S. Services Vice President said that *Woroni* prints 'sexist rubbish' and mentioned Bill Turkle — she has promised to write a 'letter to the editor' on the subject. Peter O'Connor never sees *Woroni* — the 3 copies sent to A.U.S. are sent through his present antagonist Jefferson Lee. *Woroni* editor Phil Dickie denies that he is either liberal or reactionary and says he doesn't see his job as forcing his opinions down students' throats. Judge for yourselves whether that is 'wishy-washy'.

Clubs & Societies Taylored

Robert K.L. Taylor, Clubs & Societies Chairperson of note has sent a letter to all club and society treasurers demanding that they submit a 1977 balance sheet and a 1976 budget. We're not sure but we think he means a 1976 Balance Sheet and a 1977 budget - we're also wondering how many clubs and societies have them.

A.U.S. too close

At the recent A.U.S. Services Conference held in Bruce Hall the two Canberra campuses (A.N.U. and C.C.A.E.) were amongst the few campuses who sent no delegates.

This A.U.S. Conference may have been too close for us.

The Way of the Union Board

In her report to the Activities Committee Meeting (Tues. 7th), Cidi Scott criticised the members of that committee for not giving her any help and support. Alas, that plea wasn't well taken: only two out of the five student members turned up to the meeting.

The Government has just broken its unequivocal and often repeated promise that funds for university would rise by 2% per annum in real terms in 1978 and 1979.

Last year on the 20th of May Senator Carrick, the Minister for Education, made a statement on behalf of the Government setting out the guidelines to be employed by the various education commissions in their detailed planning. Turning to the Tertiary Education Commissions in particular, he set down the overall funds allocated to the universities and C.A.E.'s and remarked that 'For universities these amounts represent a 2% growth in real terms over 1976' (*Hansard*, 20 May 1976, Senate p.189) Under the heading 'Expenditure in 1978 and 79' he stated 'For the second and third years of the triennium, each Commission should plan on the basis of a minimum growth of 2 per cent in real terms on the level of expenditure in the preceding year'. (*Ibid*)

On the 26th of May last year, concerning a comment by the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Queensland, an Opposition member asked the Minister '... Does the Minister agree with the Vice-Chancellor that the changes indicated in the Treasurer's statement to the Parliament last Thursday night, that is, the provision of only indicative figures for the latter years of the triennium, will deny universities the capacity to plan ahead by knowing that stated sums are available?'

The Minister replied that the comments which the Vice-Chancellor was reported to have made showed a mis-

understanding of what the Government's commitment actually was; and then outlined very explicitly what that commitment was. To quote 'If such is the substance of the statement then I can only say that it would not show a full understanding of what triennial planning is intended to be... This Government... has re-introduced triennial funding and has done two things within it. It has not only given guidelines as such but also minimum guarantees of increased growth for the next three years... In other words we have given a guarantee that the funding will not fall below its present rate and that there will be a minimum growth of 2 per cent over the next three years... the universities... are being given reasonable guidelines for planning. They can plan ahead with a modest guarantee of minimum growth. They have a guarantee for the three years ahead.' (*Hansard*, 26th 27th 28th May; page 1933).

Since making this guarantee, this clear and unequivocal promise, in the Senate, the Minister has repeated it around the country at regular intervals, as has been widely reported.

This is bad faith with a vengeance, the Government has broken a repeated public promise on a matter of great importance and has knifed the Universities in the back in doing so. The effects of this duplicity on the A.N.U. and other universities will be rather unpleasant. (An analysis of these effects is provided in the article on page).

The Government has just announced that it will break this promise. The promise is now 'inoperative'. On Friday June 3 the Minister for Education released, on behalf of the Government, the guidelines on education funding within which the various education commissions must make detailed recommendations for the forthcoming budget.

Amongst other things the government provides that 'The guidelines for 1978... will establish base levels of expenditure for 1978 at the same real level as for 1977 in the case of universities' and again 'For universities... the base funds allocated for 1978 will each be at the same level in real terms as the base allocation for 1977'. This is an evident breach of the Government's promise.

Moreover there is another factor contributing to this breach which may not be as evident at first inspection. The base levels of expenditure, the base funds, allocated in the budget are only one of two standard components of overall University funding. The other component is supplementation and the provision for supplementation in the Government's statement greatly reduce its contribution to overall funding, so that overall funds [in real terms] will actually be less than in 1977 in 1978. Overall funding will be down by at least several per cent in real terms compared to 1977. The details of this are provided in the article on page)

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CHARGES DROPPED.

The A.N.U.S.A. has dropped disciplinary charges laid against Michael Stanley and Kim McGrath without the charges ever being brought before the Disciplinary Committee. The charges were 'very unspecific' said Kim McGrath, being simply stated as 'with regard to your actions in respect to C.C.B.A. Inc. He received a letter dated 3rd June 1977 stating 'Jon Nicholson has withdrawn his complaint made under Disciplinary Regulations. He informs me in his letter that in his view it is no longer necessary to pursue the matter'. Jon Nicholson described the bunging of the charges as 'a good political move at the time' but said that there was no point in pressing them: There was also the potentially embarrassing possibility that they wouldn't stick, and difficulties in contacting committee members John Spahr and Robert Ceramidas to hear the charges within the prescribed thirty days.

Next Students for Australian Independence Meeting will be held on JULY 13TH (Wednesday) at 1.00 pm in Clubs & Societies Room.

LETTERS

CONTINUED...

Dear Editor,

In reply to a letter written by Leila Bailey and Margaret Evans: *Woroni* No. 29, 1.6.77, p.17.

On behalf of The Cottage (rosterpersons included), I wish to point out that this is not a 'stress cottage'. We at the cottage have been trying, in vain, obviously, to explain to all people on campus that you need not be in any sort of trouble to take advantage of the facilities offered by The Cottage. We have two marvellous open fires, which are just great on these cold winter nights, a large garden in which you can enjoy what sunshine there is during the day. There's always someone down here to 'rave' with. You don't have to be depressed or ready to jump out of a window to come down here, although if you do, and you're looking for a kindly word to brighten your day this is the place to come, particularly after hours. This, however, does not change the fact that the Cottage is the place to come anytime you're looking for a change from campus life.

It is extremely infuriating to hear persons such as Leila Bailey and Margaret Evans perpetrating that age old misapprehension about the so-called stress-cottage. We want everyone to know that The Cottage is available free of charge to all persons associated with the university. Yes, even staff. We wish to stimulate a better general social atmosphere (which promotes better general mental health, something L.B. and M.E. are so concerned about)

Achim Schmitz
Room 270
Garran Hall
(On behalf of all those concerned with The Cottage)

We will continue our series on

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES

in the next issue.

A.U.S. SELF DESTRUCTS ?

Recently I had the opportunity to discuss A.U.S.' internal wrangles with several of the principal protagonists. The basic division is between the Maoist Students for Australian Independence (S.A.I.) - controlling the Overseas Student Service and *National U* and the Communist/Trotskyist majority of the Executive. Jefferson Lee the *National U* editor strikes me as rather paranoid and too inclined to convert innuendoes and rumours into indisputable facts. Jefferson stands accused of being a 'Maoist' as does the Eureka totting S.A.I. movement. By his uncritical advocacy of China and the B.L.F. executive he tends to confirm the allegations. Or as someone put it, the Chinese 'people's bomb' is in some way less reprehensible than the super powers (U.S.A. & U.S.S.R.) bombs. Despite A.U.S. executive accusations, however, Jefferson strikes me as a rather unlikely thug. He has in fact been accused of thuggery in Melbourne while he was in Adelaide (the screwdriver or icepick incident, depending on your allegiances).

Sarah Sheehan, A.U.S. Services Vice-President is personally and politically

stronger than Peter O'Connor who has been described as the 'cosmetic candidate' of the Communist/Trotskyist alliance. Sarah is nowhere near as paranoid about her A.U.S. opponents as Jefferson Lee - either she has more sense or less to fear. At a party which looked often like coming to blows, she flailed into Jefferson Lee with great gusto making me wonder why, as an obviously competent political operator, she was forgetting that the enemies of A.U.S. are reacting with great glee to its public blood-letting.

All three have a propensity for ideological name calling - revisionist, pro imperialist, anti-anti imperialist, etc. ad infinitum.

Executive interference with *National U*.

Jefferson Lee presides over what is probably the worst *National U* for quite a few years, which in itself is fairly surprising as *Tharunka* (U.N.S.W.) under his editorship was rated fairly good. He admits to some of the bias making the paper so unpopular with students saying that part of it is due to office chaos and unfortunate but understandable circumstances. He accuses some executive members of not coming forward with promised articles. If true

this makes some of their claims that *National U* does not reflect A.U.S. policy ring a little hollow. There may be some sort of boycott operating against Jefferson because of his politics. Sandy Thomas, A.U.S. Regional Organizer for Victoria and former A.X.I.S. (*National U* last year) editor wrote a double page spread on education for Melbourne University's *Farrago*, very little for Jefferson.

There is some truth in claims that the A.U.S. executive is showing utter disregard of Jefferson's editorial rights. Peter O'Connor's role as publisher is the same as Jon Nicholson with respect to *Woroni* and consists solely of the right to remove libellous material and to argue that A.U.S. material be given prominence. It does not extend to deciding for the editor whether he is guilty of libel or not, not to attempt to influence headlines and page allocations.

Sarah Sheehan argues that *National U* is very much the organ of A.U.S., almost its only organ and as such there are very good reasons for limits to its range of expression of opinions. This is true but one can't help but cynically suspect that this aspect of *National U* is now being made loudly public in part as a rationalization of the Exec-

utives Jefferson Lee bash.

On the other side the Maoists have been too much involved in the current spate of violence to avoid all the accusations levelled at them. Amongst the splinter groups of the left the Maoists have the greatest tradition of violence (consider the B.L.F. and the takeover of its N.S.W. Branch). Michael Danby probably did not assault a Eureka flag with his head, but then the monopoly media egged on by unlikely informants in the A.U.S. executive did probably exaggerate the incident beyond all proportion. About specific instances of 'thuggery' there is confusion - in the screwdriver or icepick incident in the *National U* office Peter O'Connor says he was assaulted with a screwdriver, while Jefferson Lee says O'Connor was not assaulted with a wrapped icepick.

Both sides are currently putting their major energies into A.U.S. internal warfare. In a situation like that in which Nero fiddled while Rome burned A.U.S. is looking like tearing itself apart just when it needs to be facing up unified to its diminished electoral appeal and its heavyweight opponents.

Phil Dickie.

SEXISM IN EDUCATION PROJECT - WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT CAMPAIGN.

Again a major campaign area over the past two years where we feel a new tactic ought to be pursued. We would like to produce a resources/action booklet with specific reference to women within particular disciplines such as law and education. It should cover the research work on women done in that area providing resources, research notes and bibliographies plus plans for action. This booklet is envisaged as an in-depth follow up to the Women's Studies Guide. Particularly good informative work about the extent of sexism in education has been done over the last couple of years and it is clearly time to convert some of that information into accessible resources for individual projects and group action. It is envisaged that women in each region and on particular campuses will be encouraged to set up groups to prepare material for the booklet in areas of most concern to them.

It is urgent that women on campuses start collecting information about what it is like being a woman in a particular course or discipline.

Methods of collecting information -
Any method of collecting the information can be used. The four methods mentioned are only suggestions. If you have difficulty working out how to collect the information contact me at AUS and perhaps we can work something out.

If money and printing facilities are available through the SRC/Guild/Union then a questionnaire can be written asking women questions about the course they are doing, how they feel

doing it, do the teaching staff treat women differently because they are women, is the course content anti-female, does being a female disadvantage the student doing the course in any way.

Groups can be organized to discuss what it's like being a woman in disciplines or courses. These group discussions can be tape recorded and perhaps through SRC/Guild/Union facilities the relevant material could be transcribed from the tape. If all else fails just send the tape to me. Somebody could perhaps just write notes if a tape recorder is not available.

Interviewing individual women and writing notes about what each woman said. About 5 - 10 women from a particular course should be sufficient material.



GABBY ANTOLOVICH
WOMEN'S OFFICER

Individual women can write about each

Individual women can write about their own experiences and ideas about a certain course or discipline in which they are enrolled.

The Information : Areas to be covered.

Not all of these areas need to be covered by each individual or group participating in the research. The major areas of discrimination against women will more likely be discussed. But as we collate all of the material we hope then to have covered all of the areas.

1. Course Content -
A critical analysis of courses needs to be made. Do courses aim at men only? Does the language used exclude women? Does the course content only use men in examples except when a female stereotype role such as wife/typist/sex object suits the example? Does the course content alienate women from the course? How?

2. Teaching Staff -
Does the teaching staff treat women in the course differently from the men? How is this expressed? Does the staff regard

women as less intelligent than men? Does the staff put women down in any way either through presentation of the course or treatment of students? Does the staff give less support to female students and are they condescending to female students? Does the male staff treat the female students as sex objects? Do female students feel alienated from the course because of their treatment of the staff? How?

3. Fellow Students -
Is the course male dominated? Female dominated? Fairly evenly distributed? How does this affect the students? What are the attitudes of the male students to the female students?

4. Student's Associations/Guilds/Unions -
What are the attitudes of male student politicians on your campus - are they actively supportive to women and women's issues? Are the SRC/Guild/Unions a vehicle for feminists on campus? Can female students rely on the SRC/Guild/Union for political support about feminist issues and actual campus campaigns? If not, why not? How are the female

staff treated by the male student politicians? Are there oppressive relations? Does the SRC/Guild/Union have policy on non-exploitative treatment of secretaries and other staff? Does the student paper represent female students?

5. Administration -
How does the administration treat women? Is the administration discriminatory specifically against women in its contact with female students? Does the image of the administration alienate women? Do the people in the administration perpetuate such an image? What is the staff/employee relationship in the administration? Does the written material from the administration alienate women? How?

Collecting the information will provide an excellent opportunity for women to organize a special interest women's group on campus.

We need to have the information as soon as possible so that we can begin to work on producing the booklet. Could all information and enquiries please be directed to Gabby or Lynn Birnie at the Women's Department 97 Drummond Street, Carlton, Vic 3053. Ph. 347 8369.

Gabby Antolovich

DANBY !

Dear Editor,

Whilst it may appear a trifle impersonal, could I thank through your columns those many hundreds of students who, although personally unknown to me, sent messages of concern and sympathy subsequent to my unfortunate physical encounter with political opponents in the student movement.

The reconstituted Committee for Student Control of AUS was extremely encouraged by your support, and the overwhelming absolute student numbers approved direct elections of AUS officers. Our endeavours will not cease, and we urge all students to contact local supporters of AUS Reform to stay abreast of our activities.

Apart from the success of the campaign for direct election of AUS officers, which has removed any mandate the AUS national officers might have claimed, the internal AUS situation worsens daily and in terms of activity, the fracturing and infighting of ultra-left groups who comprise the AUS leadership has made the organization virtually impotent!

A last ditch stand will apparently be fought on the issue of support for the P.L.O., on which all the far-left groups are united. Apart from the theoretical issues involved in the Middle East, it is obvious that at best, it is tangential to the needs of Australian students for AUS to be involved in obscure Middle East politics for the fourth year in a row. Students have previously expressed a massive opposition to supporting the AUS preoccupation with the P.L.O.

If indeed you hear of another Middle East debate on your campus, you will be hearing the death-knell of the various splinter groups who control our union.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Danby
Committee for Student Control of AUS.

SLAVE LABOR AT BRUCE HALL?

Yes

The Warden of Bruce Hall, Bill Packard, is sacking 13 hall staff by the beginning of 1978. Instead he plans to introduce two hours compulsory 'voluntary' labour per student per week. This was announced by several memoranda to hall members on 2-3 June.

Mr Packard's argument was from the recent rapid increases in staff pay. There will also be a 25% superannuation charge on all salaries and wages. Mr Packard and the hall's manager, Mr Allender, calculated a loss of \$87,000 if the present system continued. He explained the secrecy in which they had considered the proposal by the need to avoid the staff (and their union, the Liquor and Allied Trades) hearing of their sacking from inaccurate rumours.

He called a meeting at 6.45 on Sunday, 5 June. After a 25 minute speech he gave the hall members 50 minutes to question him, with the claim of an 8.00pm dinner party. After he had refused a show of hands to test the general feelings of the members, he was questioned by one of the senior and experienced students about his comparative budgets. At the first questioned item Mr Packard, visibly disturbed, interjected with a denial. He described the calculation of a \$40,000 profit (under the proposed scheme) as 'living in Cloud-Cookoo-Land'. When the student continued, he blamed the budgets on the absent manager.

Other students introduced an alternative scheme. They made a distinction between the financial aspects (save \$80,000) and the social aspects (manual labour is ennobling). They presented an alternative plan which would save about the same amount of money as the Warden's proposals, but would not require the two hours compulsory labour.

The general nature of the problem is the present high costs of paid people. It seems inevitable that a great reduction must be made, then, in the paid staff. Bruce Hall has two alternatives. It can reduce the amount of work that must be done for students, or it must roster students to do the work.



One example is the present system of room cleaning. The rooms are cleaned every day by housemaids and the linen changed weekly. Now either this can be done by students, or we could have the rooms cleaned and the linen changed weekly.

Another is the system of formal meals. This consists in students sitting at tables while their food is fetched and carried by waitresses. It is pro-



posed to roster students to replace them. Surely we can carry our own plates! The prospect of one student waiting on another one day, then swapping roles the next, seems ludicrous.

So much of the Warden's proposal is overdue. The need for financial changes is not questioned. But what of the social changes? Bruce Hall has provided one kind of hall for nearly 20 years - surely its members should be consulted on any change.

Several aspects of Mr Packard's introduction of this plan disturb your author. Although I realise, as I mentioned above, the need for secrecy, his choice of an unrepresentative 'representative' sample of hall members to consult could have been better. To my knowledge, all of them will have left the hall before the scheme would come into effect. Several members seem to have been chosen because the warden knew they agree with him. One was a non-hall student met on a geography field trip.

Rather than offer a proposal, all memoranda took on 'I know what is good for you' attitude. This enabled him to set up Alastair Walton (a political loner due to his right wing politics and flamboyant manner) as his (atypical) typical opponent of the proposal. Thus he passed off the more awkward points as a joke against Alastair. Should a Warden make jokes at the expense of his students?

Another and stronger thing is the use of the word 'voluntary' to mean compulsory. How can we expect to have a rational debate with this perversion of the language.

It is now time to consider the various proposals presented. In the end it must be the members of the hall who decide what kind of place they are to live in. Nobody else can decide for them whether two hours compulsory work fosters community feeling or only wastes students' time.

Martin Ellison

No

Far from Bruce Hall embarking on the road to self destruction, the Governing Body's plan to introduce 'Ormondization', (a scheme whereby each member contributes 2 hours unpaid labour per week) as a condition of membership of Bruce Hall in 1978, is a plan to maintain the standard of food, cleaning, and maintenance services in the face of mounting economic pressures.

This scheme has successfully been introduced in several Melbourne University Colleges and Halls and has been successful in containing the level of fees, whilst having little or no detriment on academic achievements and contributing to a better communal living environment.

Since the announcement of Governing Body's intentions the whole debate has been surrounded by emotional accusations which do little to highlight the issues in contention. Such behaviour is illustrated by Martin Ellison's account of Sunday's meeting. To make great issue out

Much more certainty can be attached to the future of such a plan than the alternative mentioned above.

A further example of an attempt to taint people's attitudes of the role played by Packard, and hence cloud the real issues, is Ellison's report of Packard refusing to allow a vote on hands of resident attitude at last Sunday's meeting. As chairman of that meeting I made that decision. I had particularly wanted to avoid holding Sunday night's discussion in the form of a constituted meeting so that no such resolutions would arise. Undeniably there needs to be, and there will be, an opportunity for ev-



ery member of Bruce Hall to express their opinion. However, on Sunday when Ellison called for a vote, the majority of hall members were not even partially equated with the facts, many knowing only of the retrenchments and not the full details of Ormondization or for that matter the alternative plan. I did not believe then, or now, that people should have to vote in such ignorance.

of Bill Packard's presentation and to question whether he did in fact have a dinner engagement only introduces an air of confrontation into the issue, which I do not believe facilitates the proper atmosphere for serious debate and discussion.



This scheme is not a Packard plot, but a plan proposed by the Bruce Hall Governing Body, and approved by the University Council, to maintain the level of services and maintenance provided by the Hall, without increasing fees any further beyond the reach of the average student, and also leaving the Hall with expectations of a good level of income from external catering and conferences - hence subsidizing fees.

If anything will lead to the destruction of the Hall I believe it is the type of alternative system being proposed by Ellison. The rationale behind such a scheme appears to be: (1) Year 1 look around and see where we can cut costs to meet this year's revenue. (2) Make the cuts. (3) Further cost increases. (4) Year 2 repeat the process... and so on into the future, gradually cutting away services in a piecemeal fashion; until who knows what. However, with the Governing Body proposal the Hall will greatly reduce its susceptibility to labour cost pressures, whilst at the same time maintaining the function of labour by replacing its previously paid employees with Hall members.

To gauge opinion the J.C.R.C. is preparing a survey to be completed by every member of the hall now that they have had a better chance to familiarize themselves with the situation and had time to recover from the shock which was provided by the sudden announcement of Governing Body's proposal for 1978.

Michael Lawry
Chairman,
Bruce Hall J.C.R.

We are unable to comment on the rumour that after a rigged ballot Alastair J.M. Walton was conscripted for a one year term as a Bruce Hall cleaner. However, photographer Robert Lake found Walton busy last week.

EDUCATION

- for access to education for all regardless of class, race, sex or sexuality;
- for increased government education spending;
- for a democratic and critical education.

The above three aims underlie the directions of the conference, and its importance, particularly given the current political and economic situation in this country. Education cutbacks have already occurred, and more are predicted for the next Budget. Such cutbacks mean far more than is immediately obvious - they do not simply mean that we all must tighten our belts. Cutbacks mean that some students will have to leave university, and that next year an even greater proportion of people who wish to come will be unable to do so. The concurrence of education cutbacks and high unemployment means that students in order to survive, are being forced to choose courses which led directly into previously determined jobs. Degrees will become, more than ever, merely meal tickets, as education exists more and more only for the benefit of employers.

In economic crisis, those who are not rich, white, male and heterosexual find it harder than ever to enter into post-school education. Greg Weir, who despite having received credits for his Diploma of Teaching, has been denied a teaching job because he is openly homosexual is only a symbol of what is happening and what will continue to happen. Thus the conference found it important to discuss the effect which the present government's cutbacks, and the education policies of capitalist governments in general have upon those who are oppressed in this system.

All students however are affected in some way by what is happening in education and in the economic situation as a whole - whether by being forced to leave a tertiary institution, by being denied TEAS under the new regulations, or by a drop in the quality and quantity of facilities, which will occur as institutions are unable to replace or add to those presently available etc. etc. It is because of this fact that A.U.S. has had the education issue its priority in 1977 - it is the issue which is affecting students most. The purpose of the conference was to discuss our aims and to decide how best to work for them.

Most of the conference was spent in workshops, rather than in plenaries, which allowed for more constructive discussions. However, as there were sometimes as many as nine workshops on at the one time, it is impossible for any one delegate to know about everything that went on. However, these were some of the workshops which occurred:

How Education Cutbacks Affect Women

This is in some ways a difficult problem to confront because it is not always an immediately visible one. Rather, cutbacks mean an *absence*. Most particularly, they mean that women who would otherwise be in tertiary institutions simply disappear. This occurs for many reasons - lack of children, the freeze on teacher education enrolments (men are being accepted with up to 40 aggregate marks less than any woman), the crippling of NEAT, high unemployment and thus a preference in educating sons rather than daughters (she can always be a housewife if she can't get a job), etc. etc.

The workshop decided that it was important for women to put pressure on, firstly Students' Representative Councils and Students' associations, in order to bring about action on this matter and also that women should be made aware of the resources available in such bodies. On campuses where the elected student representatives are disinterested, issues should be brought directly to the students themselves. If representatives, especially A.U.S. secretaries won't provide information (as is the case on some campuses), then active students on those campuses will have to do it.

Direct demands about issues which affect women should be aimed at the tertiary institution and, more importantly, at the government. An example of this is childcare. All too often women are forced out of education because they have responsibility for one or more children. At present both the Government and tertiary institutions refuse to take responsibility for expenditure on child care. (with the exception of salary grants from the government). Cuts in education funding will make it even more unlikely that tertiary institutions will be prepared to carry the costs of establishing child care. The workshop believed that child care facilities should be as much a part of any institution (educational, productive, recreational, etc.) as public toilets presently are. They are not a privilege, they are a community necessity.

The Campaign in Defence of Greg Weir

As I have mentioned already, this is not just a campaign about one individual - Greg's case must also be used to point out a whole range of discriminatory practices of which it is only one. There is a good deal of information available about the details of his case, so I will not explain it further here. Most of the workshop was spent in finding out what is going on in various places with regard to the campaign. Activity is occurring in Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, New South Wales and the A.C.T. In Victoria and New South Wales this is being limited to the Right to Work Campaign. These are people in Western Australia and Tasmania who wish to become involved, but need more information. Greg is going to visit these states in the near future. If you want to be involved in the A.C.T., contact HANU (Homosexuals at A.N.U.).

National Union of Lesbian and Male Homosexual Students

The idea of forming such a union was first suggested last year, at the National Seminar on Homosexuals in Education. Its purposes would be to co-ordinate information and resources in our fight against oppression, and to break down the isolation which often makes action difficult. Such a union, while remaining autonomous from A.U.S. could apply to it for funds, this operating in with a similar relationship to A.U.S. to that which the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Union (NATSISU) has. It has been suggested that the union should have a national meeting or conference annually, and that each year one city take on the responsibility to act as national co-ordinator for the union - the city to be decided at the annual conference. The co-ordinating committee would also be responsible for the production of a national newsletter. At the campus level, the union would also promote the formation of separate Lesbian and Male homosexual groups. A group of interested people in Melbourne are going to produce the first issue of the newsletter, and at the Third National Homosexual Conference (Adelaide University, August 26-27) final decisions about the Union will be made and responsibility for the newsletter taken over by whichever city's lesbian and male homosexual campus groups become the National Co-ordinating committee. Contributions to the first issue can be sent to A.U.S., at 97 Drummond Street, Carlton, Vic. 3055

Jane Bullen's article about the *National Activists' Conference* will be continued next issue.

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COMPETITION**

CLIVE McKILLOP AND MARK O'NEILL WON THE CAPTION COMPETITION WITH THIS ENTRY.

John Nicholson: ORDER! THE CANDIDATE WILL BE HEARD IN SILENCE!

John Spahr: SIX MUMFS AGO I COULDN'T SPELL "CANDIDATE FOR THE DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE" AND NOW I ARE ONE!

ANOTHER CAPTION COMPETITION NEXT ISSUE

ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL BY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

1. I give notice that it is necessary to hold an election of two members of the Council by the undergraduates students of the University.
2. Persons eligible to vote are the students of the University enrolled for study for degrees of Bachelor.
3. There are two seats to be filled, consequent upon the expiry of the terms of office of Mr R. L. Arden and Ms S.G. Kopetko on 29 September 1977. The members elected will hold office for one year from 30 September 1977.
4. I invite nominations of persons for election. In accordance with the provisions of the University Act, each person nominated must be a student of the Australian National University and have attained the age of 18 years.
5. The nominations must be made in writing by two persons qualified to take part in the election and must contain the written consent of the candidate to his nomination. Subject to this requirement no particular form of nomination is prescribed by specimen nomination forms are available from my office.
6. Nominations must reach my office by 4.00 p.m. on Friday 8 July 1977. They should either be delivered to my office in the University, or posted to 'The Returning Officer, Australian National University, Box 4, Post Office, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600'. In either case the envelope should be clearly endorsed 'Election by Undergraduate Students'.
7. If there are more than two nominations a ballot will be necessary. Each person eligible to vote will be sent a voting paper and a notice setting out how the voter's preference is to be shown and prescribing a date and time by which voting papers must reach the Returning Officer.
8. A list of persons qualified to vote and the provisions of the University Act, Statute and Rules concerning elections may be consulted at Miss P.M. White's Office, Lower Ground Floor, Chancery Annexe.

W.S. Hamilton
Registrar and Returning Officer.

BORED?

Nothing to do on a Friday night? Well get along to the Coombs Theatre for Two Special film screenings, presented by the Film Group. Starts at 7.30pm and only a current Film Group membership will get you in (No guests allowed for ordinary or complimentary ticketholders) Membership cards will be on sale at the door, \$7.50 for terms 2 and 3 or \$5 .00 per term.

Second Screening : FRIDAY, 17TH JUNE

A TOUCH OF CLASS

MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL

SEE YA THERE

YOUR UNION



what's happening to it?

I have long held to the belief that even if students do not wish to be involved in the governance of their own affairs, which is more than amply demonstrated in the case of the University Union, students should still be entitled to information on how their elected representatives are attempting to administer those affairs. Hopefully this column, which is intended to be a regular column in *Woroni*, will go part of the way towards providing that information.

1. Activities

The loss of Cidi Scott, our current Student Services Officer has been a great blow to the area of activities. Cidi was our first Student Services Officer and presided over the first of the Union's Activities Budgets. She will be sorely missed from the Union. The Activities Committee at the moment is examining proposals to replace Cidi with a part-time officer of the Union as much of the ground work in the activities area has already been laid by the efforts of Cidi. After the apparent success of the Tuesday Bar Nights, it is proposed by the Executive of the Union to hold the future Tuesday Bar Nights in the Bistro and Bistro extension where there will not be the problems of crowding that exist in the Union at the moment on that night and where we can have more flexibility in the use of the Bar facilities. The Union is also examining proposals to involve some of our Creative Arts Fellows in workshops with undergraduate students. The Union is also examining the use

of the Arts Centre as an alternate area in which to hold student functions and perhaps dances. There are many other areas to which activities can be extended, particularly to cater for that section of the University population, part-time students, who are at the moment and as far as I can see, always have been, very poorly catered for by the University Union. I would hope in the future that students would be more willing to come forward with proposals for the spending of student money in specific areas. Suggestions may be left with the Union Front Office.

2. Union Trade

The trading period ending on 15th May of this year is promising except for two major areas in the Union. Institutional Food, that is the Refectory Service, is up to budget levels as are the amusements, student functions, the Shop and the K. Block Canteen behind the Law School. Two areas of trading, namely the Bar and outside functions, are well down on sales and whilst it can be expected that the normal trend is that sales will pick up towards the middle to end of second term and the beginning of third term, the fact that these areas of trading are not nearly up to budget level is quite disturbing. No doubt the Union Finance Committee when it meets on Tuesday, 14th of this month will be casting a critical eye over these areas.

3. Development

Two of the three main areas which the Union has sought to develop in the last year or so, that is the Union Bar Terrace and the Bistro Extension, are now complete. Both these new additions to our building have provided the Union with a greater flexibility in the use of its facilities for both students and outside functions. The third main area of development involves provision for milk bar and late night snack facilities on the ground floor of the Union in the area of the main entrance. It is intended to place tables and chairs in the main foyer to provide a cafeteria-type atmosphere. As students will have already noted, some seating has already been installed in this area. However, given the poor trading in the bar and outside functions, I have little doubt that Finance Committee when it meets will be critically examining the proposals in this area with a view perhaps to postponing the development of this area until the next financial year.

I would hope that in general students will begin to participate much more in the decision-making processes of their own Union. As I have said on more than one occasion previously it is really not good enough for students merely to elect representatives for one year and then to ignore the decisions being made in the Union until the elections come around the following year. Even those students who do not feel themselves particularly skilled in the area of analysing accounts or debating budgets may participate in the board policy and decision-making processes of the Union.

Obviously in a column such as this one cannot hope to cover all the issues involved in running the University Union. If students require some general information on the Union or general information on a specific area, the staff of the Union are only too happy to help. I am usually in the University Union offices between the hours of 1 and 2 each day and after 6 p.m. on weekdays. You can also usually find me in the upstairs Law Library. In the near future I envisage putting aside one afternoon for students to come and talk to the Union representatives and Union staff about the way that the Union is run, to give their complaints and gripes and hopefully, to give suggestions a

and hopefully to give suggestions for improvements. More about that in the future.

Looking towards the future, I hope that the Board late this year, or next year, will be looking more closely at proposals to delegate some of its decision-making functions to the committees and perhaps beyond that, to general meetings of the Union. Students should also be aware that Committee and Board Meetings are open for all students to attend. The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday, 29

20th June. The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on Tuesday, 14th June - both to be held at 6.45

June - both to be held at 6.45 p.m. in the Board Room. The next House Committee will be held on Thursday, 16th June at 1 p.m. in the Board Room. I would hope students will avail themselves of the opportunity to sit in on these meetings.

Robert Arden
Chairman,
Union Board of
Management.

THIS IS NOT CIDI SCOTT'S COLUMN

Saddest news on the Union Activities Front at the moment is, of course, Cidi Scott's resignation (see story on p.7 of last *Woroni*). Recently she has been run off her feet with work, which is why I am writing her column this week. Everybody concerned with activities on this campus will be sorry to see Cidi go. I'd like to use this column to publicly thank her for the work she's put into activities on this campus. Anyway, Bob Downing will (subject to Union Board Approval) be taking over Cidi's job in the interim between her departure (June 24th) and appointment of a new Student Services Officer.

Some of the things Cidi has been organising recently should be specially noted. Most important is the *Fairport Convention Concert*, which will be held in the Union Refectory on June 28th. It is a joint Union/Students' Association production, you can buy tickets from the Union. I won't give a definite price in this column, because at the time of writing Jon Nicholson was trying to beat down the prices and the promoters want to charge from \$4 to \$3 per ticket for students. If you are concerned about getting good overseas groups to include Canberra in their concert tours, and think the

Union should continue to support ventures like this, make sure you come to the concert.

As usual there's lots of great Bar Nights lined up. Fans of Kevin McLachlin and the Murrumbidgee Orchestra will be delighted at the number of times they will be playing, on the 14th, and 21st, there will be Bar Nights in the Refec, not the Bar (downstairs bar will be open, and it won't be quite as crowded as usual, perhaps). Then on Fridays 17th and 29th they will be in the Bar, as per usual Bar Night. Also there's a few lunchtime concerts in the Bar lined up: on the 16th Gordon &

Griffith (whatever they call themselves now), and on the 23rd, the Dave Kain Band.

Entries for the literary competition in four categories - poem, short story, one-act play and songwriting - are still open. There are big prizes to be won by budding or even established authors: let there be no further contentions that the Union is not interested in literature.

Don't forget to come to the *Fairport Convention Concert*, the date is June 28th, the price is low, the music good. Stephen Bartos
Chairperson,
Activities Committee.

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WHAT'S ON IN THE UNION,



JUNE.

- Tues. 14th Kev. McLachlin & the Murrumbidgee Orchestra, Bar N Night in the Refectory
- Fri. 17th Kev. McLachlin & the M.O. in the Bar.
- Thur. 16th Gordon & Griffith, lunchtime, Bar.
- Tues. 21st Kev. McLachlin & the M.O. Bar Night
- Fri. 24th Friday Bar Night, Kev. & the M.O.
- Thurs. 23rd Dave Kain Band (lunchtime)
- Tues. 28th FAIRPORT CONVENTION, in the Refectory. Tickets are now being sold; from the Union, or commercial agencies.

Note that non-members will be charged \$1 for Friday Bar Nights.

CONAGHAN'S CANBERRA

... what to eat

... and what to avoid

Do not be misled by the size of *Timmy's Kitchen* at Manuka. Although it's exterior may indicate grotteness, the food served there is very good and reasonably cheap.

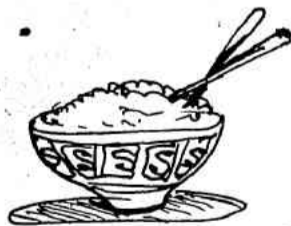
I was rather suspicious of the name of the establishment let alone it's appearance. Perhaps it is continual exposure to names like Poo Poo Restaurant or the Lucky Dim Sim that made me wary.

Both myself and my companion commenced with soup, I chose a combination soup, my companion settling for a sweet corn and chicken soup. The combination consisted of chicken, pork and prawn pieces with a variety of Chinese vegetables in a clear broth. The soup was quite substantial and good value at 80c. The sweet corn and mushroom soup was also 80c, and appeared to be very thick and filling. Since my companion is somewhat of an exponent of oriental cuisine, his comment that it was better than a similar soup eaten in Hong Kong should not be disregarded.

Our main course consisted of Chicken and Plum Sauce, and Steak and Black Bean Sauce. The steak actually had whole black beans in it, which is unusual, since I think most Chinese kitchens simply wave the black beans over the pot, so it was a pleasant change to see them included in the ingredients. The chicken and plum sauce was superb. It was served on a bed of super fine noodles, and the chicken was succulent. Chinese restaurants tend to over use monosodium glutamate (a popular Chinese flavouring agent that has been associated with cancer) which makes the food taste 'heavy', but we could not detect this at Timmy's Kitchen.

One criticism is that there was too much corn-starch thickening in the black bean sauce. It wasn't too excessive, but it was noticeable.

With our lunch, we also had a large container of boiled rice, which oddly enough came served in an ice bucket that had an English Country scene on it. Well, it served its purpose of keeping the rice hot. We also had a large pot of Chinese tea, and the total bill came to \$8.60, which for two people was excellent value considering the amount of food that was consumed. Timmy's Kitchen, which is near Young's Department Store is unlicensed, but a good excuse for not having to buy wine is so that you can drink Chinese tea (which also happens to be much cheaper).



And while we are on the topic of Chinese food, has anybody out there tasted one of the abominations called 'Dim Sims' that are being served in the refectory? They are just unbelievable, whoever makes them should be arrested on the grounds of culpable cooking. If you are unlucky enough to make your way through the batter (which tastes

like it was made with a cement mixture) you are confronted by a grey interior, that one would assume was some sort of animal, vegetable or mineral, but I wouldn't guarantee it. The best description would be to liken them to hand grenades, both in appearance, texture and effect. The one that I ate had the same effect as a whole packet of laxettes, so be wary when eating them next, as it's probably a communist plot to undermine the Australian stomach.



And finally, a good word for the refectory. No, not the food, but the administration. The K Block Canteen has broadened its culinary scope and are now serving a variety of goodies that were not previously available. The canteen is situated behind the Asian Studies Building, and has yellow canvas awnings. Unfortunately, the food is of the same quality as the refectory, but it is always nice to know that there are now two areas which we can choose to consume our very humble meals.

Geoff Conaghan.



COUPLES WORKSHOP

One or two places are still available for couples wishing to join this workshop, which will commence on Tuesday June 28, and run for six weeks. The weekly meetings will be held in

'F' Block Childers Street, either 5.30pm to 7.30pm or 8.00pm to 10.00pm, depending on the preferences of participants.

This is not a therapeutic group. It is meant to develop relating skills in viable couples, married or unmarried, who may have needs in the areas of

- better communication, self-expression and directness
- ability to deal with disagreements and misunderstandings
- combining separate identities with closer intimacy
- the increase of liveliness and mutual enjoyment.

Students and staff are equally welcome. Enquiries for further information, and requests to participate, may be made in person to Leila Bailey at the Kingsley Street Cottage (along from Toad Hall) or by phone on 2442.

2XX

HAVE YOU HEARD

- The State we're in?
Wednesday 2pm
- The Absolutely Live Show?
Monday 11.30pm
- The Fantasy Show?
Sunday 2pm.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP

Do you enjoy writing fiction, poetry, drama, fantasy or documentary? Would you like to hear your material read on air by experienced actors and actresses?

From Saturday June 18th, 2XX will be broadcasting a new programme called *WRITERS' WORKSHOP*. In it you'll hear stories, poems, short plays, criticisms and sketches written by local, and largely unpublished writers.

The idea is simply that you, the authors, send in a copy of your work and 2XX organizes a high quality reading of it which will be broadcast in *WRITERS' WORKSHOP* between 3pm and 5pm Saturdays. Evdr

Every four weeks or so we hope to organize a face-to-face, weekend workshop where people who've contributed to the programmes will be invited to meet each other and discuss their work. We also hope to encourage people to write specifically for radio - or more precisely - for 2XX.

WRITERS' WORKSHOP will include news of literary competitions, meetings, readings, publications; and there'll be occasional pieces on the

other arts scenes in the A.C.T. In fact we'll welcome contributions on any aspect of cultural activities in the Territory.

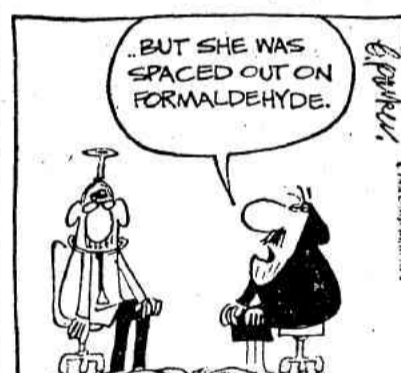
The programme co-ordinator is John Paisley, and you can contact him on 95 7087. Send your material for broadcast on *WRITERS' WORKSHOP* to him at 11 Howitt Street, Kingston, A.C.T. 2604. And, don't forget to enclose your name, address and telephone number.

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Saturdays: 3.00pm-5.00pm from June 18

Scripts: On any topic, prose or poetry drama or monologue (so long as they're legible) Scripts will be returned if you enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

Programme
Co-ordinator: John Paisley,
11 Howitt St.
Kingston ACT 2604
Tel. 95 7087



Subsequent to *Woroni* Vol. 29 No. 5 in which Bill Packard, Warden of Bruce was caught with his pants down by the cameras, this letter was sent to Bill by Trevor Wigney, Master of Burgmann College. The source of the leak will not be published as it has been denied in advance.

April 26, 1977.

Wm. Packard Esq.,
The Warden,
Bruce Hall,
Australian National University,
Acton. A.C.T.

Sir,

I have seized all copies of *Woroni* received at Burgmann College this week, lest the 'Festival of Light' descend upon me for allowing the corruption of minors.

I protest, sir, and I am sure that my fellow heads on the campus, nay, throughout Australia, will echo this protest, at your wanton disregard for proper decorum in posing for a pornographic centrefold. I expect that questions will be asked in Parliament about it to the grave embarrassment of this great university. I intend to circulate the offending document to selected fellow college heads and life members of the Association of Heads of Halls of Residence and Colleges of Universities of Australia for their judgement as to whether you should be summarily expelled from the ranks.

Where will it all lead, sir? Consider your ways; for you are on the downward way to perdition.

Yours righteously,

Trevor Wigney
Master.

DEMOCRACY - JUST A CHIPP AWAY?



Don Chipp is an old political figure perplexed as everyone else at his sudden elevation to the role of leading an almost possible alternative to the Liberals and the A.L.P. He has in the past been one of the most often seen politicians on campuses although his small 'l' liberal act has not always been well received. I remembered his days as Customs Minister (censorship— and Navy Minister (Vietnam) and parodied his professed small 'l' liberalism by calling him a small 'r' reactionary.

Many others are dubious about Chipp in Parliament, soon after leaving the Liberal Party he was called a Plastic Chipp by a colleague. However leaving the Liberals has wrought some changes to Chipp the man. Instead of a tired, rather haggard figure reminding one instantly of his old patron John Grey Gorton, Chipp now seems alive and possessed by a vision of participatory democracy. The politician is still there but is now overwhelmed by a public honesty rarely seen in a prominent politician. He enjoys being a martyr I suspect, but now there is a self deprecating quality about him. On one occasion asked whether power would corrupt his 'third force' his answer could have been paraphrased 'Hell, I can't answer your question, I don't know the answer, I hope not!' Someone else asked him about Aboriginal policy, and he answered 'I

wrote an Aboriginal policy that I thought was pretty good and showed it to some Aboriginal friends who said it was nice sounding rubbish.' No he didn't have an aboriginal policy, and neither did he try to cover that up. A cynic could say that he has discovered that honesty is the paying policy with the forty something percent of the electorate that equally dislikes both Fraser and Whitlam. I wouldn't be that cynical — unlike most politicians he takes a fairly consistent line speaking both privately and publicly.

The Chipp phenomenon however does not centre on the still familiar figure of Don Chipp but rather on the incredible response he is drawing across the country. Journalists in Perth expecting five hundred or so people to turn up to the first meeting were annoyed when a thousand people filled the hall and several hundred turned away at his first meeting.

His Canberra response was similarly enthusiastic. A cynical A.N.U. Liberal Society meeting designed at least in part to over-expose Chipp attracted about 300 students who gave Chipp enthusiastic applause totally unlike the polite applause given to Peacock at his campus meeting. The following night Chipp drew about five hundred Canberrans away from the cricket and the reception they gave Chipp was equally enthusiastic. Chipp's policies are a strange and seemingly inconsistent mixture. On some issues — not mining uranium and the need for a zero en-



ergy growth economy — Chipp is more radical than the A.L.P., but he also retains his Liberal allegiances to private enterprise. The audience broke into unrestrained applause at both Chipp's damnation of uranium mining and his championing of small business — formulating the policies of the new party could be a really interesting exercise. The Australian Democrats was formed after Chipp's very successful Melbourne meeting, and incorporates the Australia Party and its organizational remnants, the South Australian based New Liberal Movement, and a couple of defecting Liberal Party branches. Chipp sometimes speaks of the party (or 'force') as a going concern — it's not. It has no policies, little organisation, no real assets beyond a diversely based enthusiasm and the electorate's disillusionment with the Liberals and the A.L.P.

When I asked Chipp whether he thought the party had any chances he gave it little hope but said he'd give it everything he had. Despite some rather cliched references Chipp's concern with the erosion of democracy is quite genuine and the Australian Democrats could act as a conscience to the major parties, and possibly hold the balance of power after a close Senate election. But until the next election at least the Australian Democrats are very much Don's Party.

Phil Dickie.



Mr Chipp - Still a liberal?

'The leader of the new Australian Democrat Party, Mr Chipp, would probably still be a member of the Liberal Party if it was not led by Mr Fraser.'

— Canberra Times 29th May.

Don Chipp's statements over the last half dozen weeks should involve examination with a critical eye the journalists' own commitments in the current time, in the wake of Whitlam and the last election. It is realised that the collapse of the Labor Party led to the emergence of a government whose policies were based on the single word expression, 'Commonsense'.

So where does the significance of Don Chipp, who has been in the news, a former Liberal Minister in both this ministry and the years before 1972 remain at issue. The question emerges as is the activities of Chipp merely an anti-response from being out of the centre of government or is this the time of an initiation into social policy of a Democrat-styled new political group.

'Australia had become a farce. The independence and integrity of the judicial arm of government, the High Court, had been eroded by political appointments and parliamentary debate was often gagged by party numbers'.

In public Chipp receives ovation through his current tour with lines such as 'they had the chance and they fumbled it... now I say they won't be believed or trusted again', on wage price freeze. However, on political leadership

'Australian political leadership is in a wretched state. The trouble with government in Australia today is that it believes it was here to govern the people and serve itself. In fact it was here to serve the people and govern itself. The Opposition doesn't count, no matter who it is'

— Sydney Morning Herald 30.5.77

Philip Linford.



YOUNG LABOR DECRIMINALISED

LEGALISATION TO FOLLOW?

At the A.L.P. Conference on 3-5 June A.C.T. Young Labour was officially incorporated as part of the Labor Party.

More significant was the part played by Young Labor motions in the formation of Labor Party policy.

Acting on a Young Labor motion the Conference resolved that all women and men should have the right to freely available fertility control, including abortion. Unfortunately, prolonged obstruction prevented this resolution from being made binding on parliamentarians but at least the Party has now stepped off the fence on this vital issue.

A second motion, calling for the legalisation of marijuana under government control was defeated 34-36, and a decriminalisation motion passed in its stead.

Young Labor did not confine its attention to 'trendy' issues. A YL motion on the Industrial Relations Bureau and other Government attacks on working people was passed, and we were instrumental in opposing and defeating several motions aimed at weakening the Party's commitment to income redistribution.

The A.L.P. and its affiliate unions are the only mass movement for socialism and socialist reform in Australia and if you want to make a positive contribution join ACT Young Labor

Ring Noel Parish 64 8157
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Saturday, June 18th
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LOOKING DOWN

The Government has just broken its longstanding and oft repeated promise that the funds allocated to the universities in 1978 (and in 1979) would increase by 2% in real terms relative to the previous year. Even on the presumption of a 2% real increase in resources in each of these years the situation was going to be pretty grim in most universities. Even on the presumption of 2% growth the A.N.U. was facing substantial financial difficulties, had made considerable economies, and was preparing to make more. The considered judgement of the university administration was that the A.N.U. was in a state of financial difficulty with no prospect of relief. Let us look at the effect on Australia's universities of the program of cutbacks the Government is now embarking on.

THE OVERALL PICTURE

There are two standard components of University funding — the budget outlay and supplementation. The budget outlay is the base payment made in the annual budget. Supplementation is payment during the year to compensate for cost increases of certain sorts (such as increases in award salaries, equipment and building costs). Hitherto supplementation has been automatic. It has been automatic that the real value (the value in terms of resources commanded) of the budgetary outlay be maintained, in the face of increased costs, by supplementation. This supplementation has been a standard component of University funding.

The government statement just released by the Minister for Education announced two changes which will keep the funds allocated to universities well below the 2% increase promised.

First, in respect of the budget outlay, the statement says 'The guidelines for 1978 . . . will establish base levels of expenditure for 1978 at the same real levels as for 1977 in the case of Universities, colleges of advanced education (subject to addi-

ional funds for non-government teachers colleges) and schools' and again 'For universities and colleges the base funds allocated for 1978 will each be at the same level in real terms as the base allocation for 1977.'

Second, in respect of supplementation, the statement says 'For 1978 the cost supplementation adjustments will be limited to the wages and salaries component in recurrent programs' and again 'Supplementation of the 1978 program for cost increases during that year will be limited to increases in respect of the wages and

and, more 'For the years 1979 and 1980 the planning guidelines provide for . . . continuation of the cost sup-

in funds in real terms by considering the case of the A.N.U. 21% of the A.N.U. budget is spent on non-salary items, 79% on salary and related items. Assuming an average inflation rate over the rest of 1977 and 1978 of 10% (a fairly conservative estimate) the mentioned lack of supplementation will reduce the real value of the A.N.U.'s budget outlay for 1978 (and indeed for 1979 and 1980) by just over 2%. Incremental creep will reduce the real value by another 1%, so the reduction in the value of the budget outlay in real terms will be approximately 3%. (To explain incremental creep — there is a salary range for each grade of academic. Each academic starts at the bottom

the other Australian universities will each be reduced by at least 3% by the factors described. Since the budget outlays for the universities will be at the same real level as 1977 in 1978, the overall funding of the universities in 1978 will be approximately 3% less than in 1977 in real terms (since the real value of the 1977 budget outlay was fully maintained by supplementation). As for 1979 and '80 the Government says in its statement that it will provide for a real growth in the budget outlay of 2% per year over this period. If the Government lives up to this commitment then, in real terms, the funds for universities in 1979 will be approximately 1% less than in 1977, rather than 4% more as previously promised, and the funds in 1980 will only be approximately 1% more than in 1977 in real terms.



plementation arrangements which are to apply during 1978'.

So the basic budget outlay for 1978 will be the same in real terms as in 1977, and the real value of that outlay will not be fully maintained by supplementation as in previous years (including 1977), since cost increases in non-salary items will not be compensated for. In consequence the funds paid to the universities in 1978 will be less in real terms than in 1977. (Whatever the budget outlay in 1979 and '80 its value will also be diminished in real terms by the lack of full supplementation.

It is possible to make a rough estimate of the size of this contraction

of the range and automatically moves up it year by year until reaching the top. So each year some academic staff get a pay increase simply through movement up the range. This is known as incremental creep. For the A.N.U. the standard increase in costs each year solely due to incremental creep is 1% of the budget. These cost increases cannot be recovered via supplementation; they are automatically excluded from supplementation calculations.)

Now, the proportion of the A.N.U. budget expended on non-salary items is not significantly larger than in the rest of Australian universities and each is afflicted by incremental creep. We can take it that in the main the real value of the budget outlays for

The situation is even worse than these figures indicate. The real resources per student in the University sector are more significant than the overall funds. As in 1977 Universities throughout Australia have been directed to freeze their first year intakes for 1978 and 1979 at the 1976 level. Despite this the overall numbers of students at universities will continue to grow for several years. This is because the present third and higher year students are the remnants of the students who enrolled in first year in 1975, 1974, 1973 etc.; the number of first year enrolments being smaller in those years than in 1976. Assuming that the same proportion of students as formerly proceed on to the next year of their course, the size of the student body will grow year by year until the students at all levels are remnants of first year enrolments of the 1976 size. (To illustrate the magnitudes involved, the Australian Universities Commission calculated in its 1976 report that, despite the freeze in first year intakes, there would be an increase in the total enrolments in Australian universities of 2% in 1977.— See latest A.U.C. report, pages 4-5, paragraph 1.14). The Universities' reduced funds will somehow have to be stretched over these increased numbers.

'SPANIS

Kevin points to a gate. Oh, Christ:- the remains of about ten rabbits or foxes hang there rotting, Kevin's fascinated — they're rabbits, been skinned he observes.

We ride on and I try to forget the incident, there's mountains up ahead. I wonder whether we'll have to cross them. I hope not, it hurts the legs too much!

The small, sleepy town of Eldorado provides us with a resting place and a dog barks as we eat our ice-creams. He seems to be the only one about, besides the shopkeeper.

The road becomes a sandy track and we get bogged but gradually it clears and we're left with a rocky, dirt road. It makes for interesting riding, dodging the small rocks and potholes. The road rises slowly and we shift down to a lower gear.

A ford about twelve feet long and six inches deep flows before us. The water is calm, but still I find it much more exciting than riding through a puddle. It's the first time I've crossed a ford. On we go, climbing steeply now, the others walk, but Kevin and I have fifteen gears which gives us extremely low gears and we keep on riding through the thickly wooded hills. Not much talk passes between us, we're totally absorbed, captivated in directing our bikes along the smoothest course. It's challenging.

The track ends abruptly and we're faced with a sealed road again. It's awful. The bus is waiting there for us with our lunch. My watch and stomach agree that it's lunchtime. We find a nice spot just off the road, near a river and bring down the food.

It's sandwiches for lunch. The bread is soft and fresh and we have no sharp knives so the slices end up about an inch thick but taste really good. Next course is dried fruit, nuts and fresh fruit and lastly a hot cup of peppermint tea. A good lunch!

We laze about; the musicians dig out their tin whistles and play the 'Spanish Lady'. They always play the 'Spanish Lady'; the first one hundred times I enjoyed it but after that . . .

Time to move on again. We spent a long time at lunch and it's nearly three o'clock. Have to hurry up a bit.

During our recent University recess I joined one of the four groups, the Hume group riding from Melbourne to Canberra on the Anti-Uranium Bike Ride. What follows is an account of the day we rode from Wangaratta to Albury:

My eyes open slowly as my senses return from their dream world to hear the howling wind trying vainly, I hope to force down my tent.

Six-thirty. No-one will be up yet so I rest until seven and listen to the wind. I crawl outside Penleigh (My tent, named after Martin Boyd's brother. A lot of people give their homes names you know!) and knock the roof; a spray of water falls on my head and my knees get wet from the grass. Mmmm! Been raining, and the wind's cold too.

I smile proudly as I crawl back into Penleigh for a coat, not a drop of rain managed to bully its way inside. What a fine, protective home I have!

Only a few people are about yet. Nick, our spritely sixty-three year old pensioner is cooking breakfast — porridge. There's no milk so I decide to have muesli which has powdered milk in it. I just add some water.

Breakfast finished, it's time to pack; always the same routine. The cold and dampness of the grass burns at my fingers as I pull out the pegs of the tent.

I go back to the fire, it's comforting sitting by it, warm; and at night you set there for hours, watching the logs burn, telling each other stories.

We form a chain to load the long-retired, school bus (our support vehicle) with our cooking equipment, food and some of our luggage. It's done fairly quickly, everybody helps.

Nine-thirty. Time to push off. We'll all meet again at lunch. I look around for Kevin. We usually ride together because we ride at the same pace, that's important. The wind has died down considerably.

I have to buy a new tyre tube in town before we go, all those punctures; the curse of the cyclist. Okay, now we can leave. The seat hurts my seat when I sit on it(?) but I'll soon get used to it. Once we're off the Hume, it's good, we can relax, not many cars to bother us, ride along leisurely, watch the magnificent cows absurdly staring at us, feel the sun, the wind.

THE BARREL

The real resources *per student* in the overall university system will decline by a per cent or so more than the decline in the overall funds in real terms.

SUMMARY

The Government's new policies will:

1. Reduce the overall funds in real terms allocated to the Universities in 1978 to 3% less than in 1977 (rather than 2% more as promised).
2. Reduce the funds per student in 1978 by a per cent or so more than 3% relative to 1977.

The A.N.U.

So much for the overall picture. What of the A.N.U.? Three new universities are at present being established (Murdoch, Griffith and Deakin). They have buildings just being started and planned. They have just a few staff hired per department. The expenditure on each of them must increase in real terms over each of the next several years if the object of establishing a viable university is not to be abandoned. The Australian Universities Commission has made it clear that it will not abandon these universities. So these universities will absorb an increasing proportion of the total University sector budget and the established universities will have to accept a lesser proportion.

So an established Uni can anticipate getting less in real terms than in 1977 in the individual section of the total *budget outlay* allocated to it; the effect of lack of full supplementation described will then come into play and ensure that the *overall funding* of the Uni is 3% less than its budget outlay in real terms, so that the overall funding of that university will be reduced by more than 3% relative to 1977, in real terms. Again, the real resources per student in that University will decline by a per cent or so more than that. The A.N.U. is an established University.

Last year, and this year up until last week, when it was still said by the Government that the funds allocated to universities would rise in real terms in 1978 by 2%, the Resources Committee, which allocates resources in the School of General Studies, made economies and foreshadowed many others. The chairperson of that committee wrote that necessary economies would include:

1. reduction in the range of options offered to students;
2. larger tutorial classes;
3. a reduction in the amount of cyclostyled material and similar services available to students;
4. a possible reduction of some of the more recently introduced assessment methods which are expensive in time and money;
5. Stability in undergraduate enrolments.
6. discouragement, even elimination, of departmental libraries which require attendant staff.

One of the major economies made by the Resources Committee last year and early this year was to refrain in selected cases from filling academic posts which became vacant. On the assumption that the increase of 2% in 1978 (and 1979) would eventuate, Professor Johnson, deputy chairman of the Board of the School of General Studies and the chairperson of the Resources Committee, wrote 'we aim to proceed as far as possible by using the resources of posts which become vacant . . . we do not aim to proceed by wholesale dismissals of non-tenured staff nor do we expect that this will be necessary'. In the present circumstances the University may have to contemplate dismissals, and in any case will certainly have to extend the practice of refraining from filling posts which become vacant.

In this context perhaps the most notable unavoidable economy will be more students per staff member.

Overall, the economies may partly cripple the University, and will certainly lower the standard of the education available to students and tend to make their everyday academic life less satisfying and rewarding, and more frustrating than hitherto.

The blame for the present rather desperate situation lies squarely with the Government. If it had kept to its unequivocal repeated public promise things would have been tough but bearable. Various less important activities would have been dispensed with, academic developments would have been postponed, various posts would have remained unfilled causing some deterioration in the staff; student ratio, but it was clear that the University was more or less shaping up to the challenge.

Now, with the promise broken, and with resources set at 5% less than promised for 1978, and for 1979 - 3% less than 1977 levels rather than 2% more in 1978, and 1% less rather than 4% more in 1979, respectively - the most basic areas of the Uni's activities, basic teaching and research, are under serious threat.

The Government is presently engaged in kicking the universities in the teeth. We cannot expect sudden impulses of mercy on its part, but we can expect some political sense. If the funding of Universities, and general education spending, and the duplicity of the Government, become an issue, embarrass the Government, and look as though they might cost votes, it will be more inclined to generosity in the funding of education. I believe this is going to be an issue and urge every student and staff member to get involved.



Now that we are faced with a decline of 3% or more rather than an increase of 2% the economies will have to be much more stringent and far reaching. There will have to be additional extensive cuts and restrictions throughout the University.

(less staff members and slightly more students). Classes will be larger, the scope for individual attention less, the staff more overworked and available to students less of the time. They will also have to mark more assessment items in less time.

ISH LADY'

It takes a while to forgive the road for being sealed again and Kevin gets a puncture; his first. I'm amused as I've suffered about six. I lay on the grass, staring at the sky as he fixes it.

We're off again and begin a long ascent up a mountain. It doesn't hurt, I must be getting fitter. Oh Wow! What a glorious view! Before me tranquilly lies a valley covered in luscious, green grass; rich and pure of colour. The few farm houses with smoke emanating from their chimneys blend in as though they too, are part of nature. A beautiful view.

We stare at it for a while, embedding it in our memories and then . . . the downhill run. No pedalling, zooming along the wind wildly playing with our hair. Wooopee!!!

The scenery is delightful from now on, the soil rich and fertile. It causes me to be happy and I find myself spontaneously whistling of all tunes 'The Spanish Lady'. How lucky these farmers are to be always surrounded by such beauty. One of these days . . .

We keep on, it's getting darker. Where's Albury? Ah! We spot it from the top of a hill. A mass of houses and smog; it has to be Albury. We join the Hume again and I go through a cultural shock - so many cars and semi-trailers so much noise and exhaust fumes. It frightens me at first until I adapt. We ride through Wodonga. A traffic light. Yes, we're back in civilization.

I don't like it. I want to shout 'Give me back my mountain!'

We reach our campsite, satisfied, happy, tired, hungry and halfway to Canberra. Where's the bus? Where's dinner? . . . not till nine o'clock, . . . chick peas. Yuk! A crowd of us descent on the local cafe, others to the hotel, and then it's back to the campsite, our home, where we belong.

Sixty of us; few knowing each other before the ride began but now brought close together by experience.

I sit with Paul by the fire. Paul, a pompous, witty middle-aged school teacher raised in South Africa, the son of a minister. He's fascinating to listen to, his voice so correct and precise, even walks precisely.

Jenny's by the fire too, a student teacher, she's never before been on a demonstration but feeling strongly for the anti-uranium stance she bought herself a ten speed bike a week before the ride.

John and Stephen, two thirteen year olds who came along with John's mother are loudly talking to anybody who'll listen, trying to outdo each other in their boasts, making every second word uttered 'bloody' or 'fuck'; desperately trying to prove themselves.

Nick's telling Nigel who's got a cold (that most of us caught) that currants are the best thing to cure it. Good old Nick, - feels comfortable to have him along, we've got every generation represented, as they should be - Elderly, middle-aged, youth, teenagers, children, even a two year old baby. Mine is the only name Nick remembers because it also belongs to his daughter. He calls me 'Chrissy'. I hate being called that, but he likes it, so I bear it under sufferance.

Margaret's talking to Paul too, practical, down-to-earth Margaret who's turned on by well-travelled leather boots.

We sit around the fire, no television, no newspapers, no electricity, no chairs; none of us has had a shower for two days but who cares, we're all dirty together. We're happy; we've created our own reality.

The circle thins out as the night ages and the temperature falls. We heat up another batch of tea. It tastes real good!

Tomorrow is to be a rest day. We'll be demonstrating in Albury and handing out leaflets about the Uranium issue. We've also made arrangements for a public meeting to be held in the Education Centre. After that it's back on the road again, back on our voyage to Canberra.

Sleep comes easily to me as I bed down contentedly in Penleigh - Merman (my bike, named after a much-loved rubber plant that was owned by Judy Garland) rests outside, close by. I'm warm, and comfortable sleeping on the lilo with my clothes stuffed in my sleeping bag (?) as a substitute pillow. The rain, the wind; spiders, mosquitoes and other desperadoes from the insect world are all locked outside.

What else could I possibly want?

By Christine Fernon



IN THE DEFENCE OF THE NATION

A.J.M. Walton

In speaking with political opponents on this campus, I often find a perplexing inconsistency concerning the question of defence expenditure. Many students claim that Australia should assume a more independent stance in areas of foreign affairs. In addition, they are opposed to any extraction of Uranium. I entirely concur with this concern for our future generations. But, left-wing students, in particular, are unable to face the fact that such demands also involve radical changes in our defence posture.

As the U.S.A. reduces its commitments in Asia, and Australia places less emphasis on the A.N.Z.U.S. treaty of American nuclear protection, we must increasingly provide for our own defence.

In attempting to evade this necessary commitment, the left-wing will often purblindly question which specific country actually threatens Australia. When, of course, the question cannot be answered in such direct terms, it is then assumed that such silence is indeed a magical refutation of the defence expenditure argument. But this is not the case. The belief that Australia faces no threat for the next fifteen years, or even fifty years, is irrelevant. First, it is only a belief, based on our images and perceptions of other nations, and as such must never be accepted as fact. Secondly, and more importantly, there are outstanding economic reasons for keeping our defence forces armed with the latest military equipment.

The further Australia falls behind the frontiers of military sophistication, the further she must catch up, in the event of a specific threat. More, an effective military force needs to have developed with its equipment. It would indeed be a complete waste of money to suddenly purchase extremely sophisticated weaponry, capable of defending the nation, if the defence forces had no experience in using that weaponry. This bitter lesson was learned by the U.S.S.R. when it armed Indonesia with advanced aircraft, during the Sukarno dictatorship. It was one thing for the Soviets to provide the aircraft, it was certainly another for the Indonesian government to fly and maintain them.

It makes budgetary sense to purchase weaponry according to a long-term program, and adhere strictly to it, rather than attempt a rushed purchase when a specific threat arises. The second alternative would seriously imperil the economic stability of the nation, at a critical time, given the expense of modern weaponry.

The federal government is currently considering a replacement fighter for the obsolete Mirage. That replacement must be the McDonnell Douglas F-15 Eagle. The F-15 is a superior aircraft, in respect of speed, range, manoeuvrability and technical capabilities, as compared to the Swedish SAAB Viggen or the Anglo-French BAC/Sepcat Jaguar — other possible replacements. The project cost of the F-15 is expensive at 1,200 million dollars. The Viggen and Jaguar fighters are certainly cheaper alternatives — not surprising in view of their marked inferiority. Further, it should be remembered that such a fighter as the F-15 will benefit the nation for at least fifteen years and the initial project cost should be amortised over this period.

During the 1960 elections Prime Minister Menzies urged that Australia purchase the then controversial F-111 fighter/bomber. That call for the F-111 saved the Menzies government from defeat at the polls.

DEFENCE?

Consequently, this outstanding aircraft was often unfairly portrayed as a mere election ploy. Yet seventeen years later, few critics would challenge its capabilities. Further, there is now widespread realization that Australia struck an exceptional bargain in that purchase, despite the large increase in price beyond its initial quotation. The Mirage replacement should be considered with an eye to the F-111 purchase, and the F-15 Eagle chosen.

In a speech to the Joint Services Staff College, on May 10th 1977, the notably unsuccessful Bill Hayden stated that a Labor government would place less emphasis on purchasing powerful ships, tanks, and aircraft. Instead, he believes that *'our major efforts should be on the diplomatic front and through commercial relations'*. This statement is wishful thinking in its most extreme dimension. Despite their abilities, it is but a fool who would entrust a nation's defence to the hands of diplomats. Primarily, such a position puts our diplomats at a significant disadvantage in dealing with foreign governments. Our diplomats, no doubt, would develop into the best pleaders on the globe. But even this is not enough. A nation's diplomatic leverage generally reflects the power that that nation possesses. As the late Chairman Mao expressed so succinctly *'power grows out of the barrel of a gun'*. A nation with a weak defence posture is consequently weak on the diplomatic front.

In order to best rationalise the use of scarce funds, Australia needs to review its whole defence structure. More emphasis must be placed on re-equipping the airforce and navy, at the expense of the army. The pace of advancing military technology is rendering obsolete the functions of general troops. Effective defence requires that invaders be repelled before they reach the continent. Australia's immense size and lack of population only reinforces the ineffectiveness of the general army. The army should concentrate its efforts on crack airborne troops with the function of repelling an invasion force occupying resource fields (for example, Uranium) in the northern areas of Australia. General army should be vested with an enlarged, and widely advertised, C.M.F.

A nation based on technology must defend itself with that technology, rather than man-

power. Thus, those allocations of funds normally granted to general army must increasingly be diverted to a high technology airforce and navy. Further funds needed by the airforce and navy may be secured by severe cutbacks in the budget of the Department of Defence itself. In the final analysis, wars are won by armed forces, not bureaucrats. Perhaps the greatest advocates for the Defence Department would be the nation's newspapers, which seem to obtain endless quantities of secret documents from that ignoble institution. In fact, leaking secrets could be considered to be one of the department's main functions.

Currently, the navy is considering replacements for its obsolete destroyers, and the vintage aircraft carrier Melbourne, in particular. In this area, especially in view of the impending expansion of Australian territorial waters, funds can be most effectively utilised by the purchase of submarines and missile carrying patrol boats of the 250-400 tonne category. However, this should not imply the phasing out of destroyers. Destroyers form the backbone of a navy and patrol boats should operate around, and actively extend their capabilities, rather than supplant them.

Perhaps the greatest threat to the defence of the nation comes from within, rather than without. By this I mean the danger of political expediency. The federal government has put off its decision on the Mirage replacement for another eight to twelve months — one year before the next general election limit. It is patently obvious that such delays only aid pressure for a cheaper and decidedly inferior substitute for the F-15 Eagle. Let no man defend cheap political expediency to the detriment of our nation.

The defence of the nation is paramount, over and above any current economic or budgetary considerations. Australia has an enormous investment to protect. We enjoy one of the highest standards of living in the world, including a generous social security system. But we are, after Rhodesia and South Africa, one of the most vulnerable countries in the world. In view of our wealth, resources, and population size, and in view of our vested interests in maintaining our sovereignty, a defence budget of less than 5 percent of G.D.P. is simply bad insurance.



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Yours faithfully,
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Asst. Recruiting Officer.



MICHAEL
FITZJAMES

The drawing above is a self-portrait. It is Michael Fitzjames. Not a very good self-portrait, mind you. But look around this page and you'll see he does more than self-portraits.

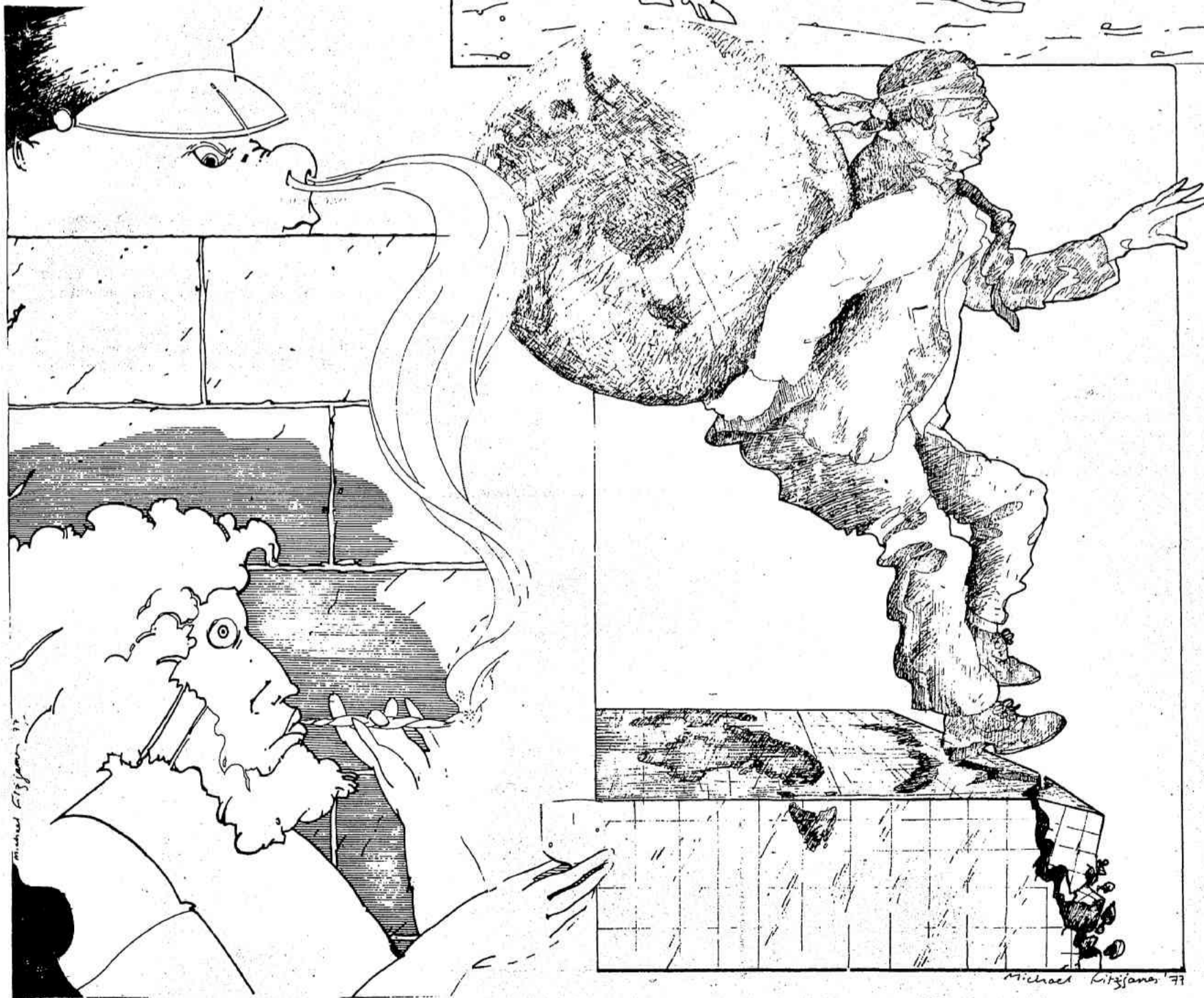
'The intention is to make my art serve the 'revolution'— which is the simplest way of putting it if somewhat pompous'

Michael was born in Melbourne in 1948. He claims he was illegitimate, but that doesn't really matter. He left school at 14, and wandered around, painting and drawing all the while. I understand he lived in Sydney for three years, but please don't hold that against him.

Michael had his first exhibition in 1972, and went on to be included in the travelling Show of Political Cartoonists. He says *'my main ambition is not to be a precious gallery-controlled artist, but to spread my work as wide as possible'*. He is best known for his black-and-white creations, and has drawn for *National Review*, *The Living Daylights*, *The Digger* and many Melbourne and Tasmanian student publications.

Over the last three years, he has lived in Tasmania. He did a graphic arts course thanks to NEAT, and graduated this year. Eager to learn more, Michael left for Europe in March. No doubt he will continue to wander around, sketching the revolution in all its exquisite disguises.

David Browne



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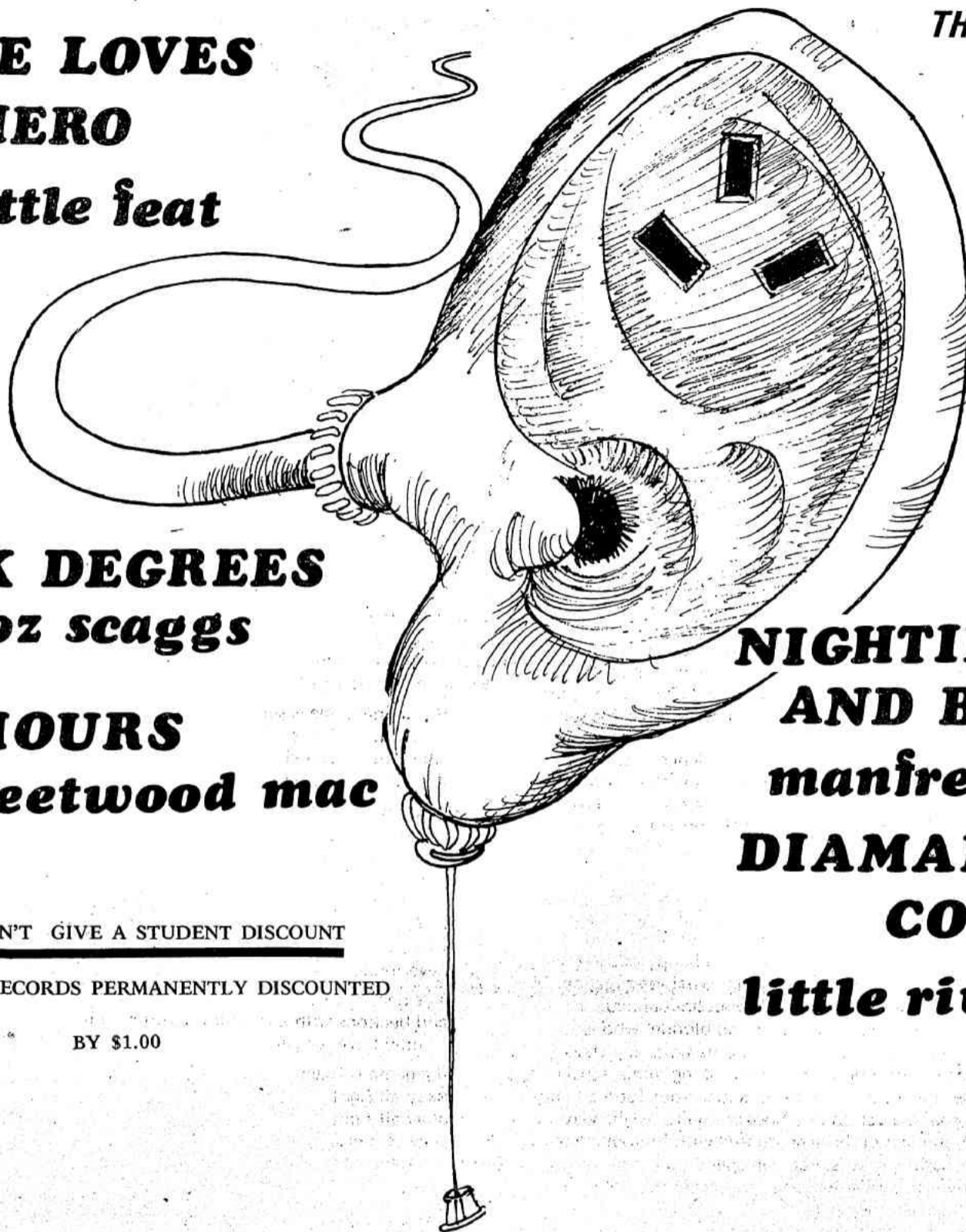
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Four years at university gave me room to move and a place to grow; a gestation which was painful but exhilarating; but birth and survival are hard and uncompromising and the working world is a deadly battleground.

I was born and raised in a country town and I have now returned as a teacher to the Catholic school I attended as a child. Things have drastically changed.

Our society is full of stereotypes and people have an urgent desire to categorise others. If a person is not easily identified by their sexual preference or their politics then they are an enigma; they represent a critical threat to the hierarchial strands which the society weaves as its own protection. Such a tightly woven fabric must by its very nature and its inbuilt sense for survival, extinguish any live kindling underneath.

While I was at the university the world was full of challenges and there were many empty spaces inviting my attention. Now I know that they were merely an illusion. There are no real choices, you are merely a pawn in the game; and whatsmore this game is played to different rules — one-eyed, racist oppressive 'poofta bashing' rules which only the stereotypes can play and which only the crafty manipulators can win.

Put away your trust, abandon your personality and don the greatcoat of disguise. If you are female — become white, middleclass and agnostic and most importantly of all — become one of God's Police. If you enjoy the company of other people, male or female, or if you are a happy extrovert, then you're in trouble; and if by chance you are homosexual, bisexual or divorced then you've absolutely *had* it; Damned Whores are banned.

Politics is dangerous if not deadly, so play the 'dumb blonde' who is bored by politics and who would much rather be at home watching Days of Our Lives and cooking dinner. And never ever go drinking midis, especially in pubs. If you are male then become white, practice your football and make yourself a bastard. If you're a yahoo or a boozier you're on the way and when you make it as an animal you have graduated with honours. You can be homosexual if you're subtle, that is, you can spend your time at the pub and bask in the protective veneer of mateship, but never ever declare your sexual preference because everybody fears the so-called 'deviant'.

Why do so many employers complain that university students are bad investments? Why do so many graduates have such a poor and unstable work-record? And why do so many more become sexist, racist conservatives committed to capitalistic notions and high class consumption? It's purely a question of complete alienation or self-deceptive survival.

Single, honest, straightforward women do not stand an even chance; the trusting support group you thrived on at university and which accepted you as a full and trusting human being with vitality, ideas and sincerity disperses into nothing but memories as soon as you graduate. You are on your own and you are unlikely to survive if you value your self-expression, your integrity and your honesty.

Sexual politics is rampant; a woman is no more a person that a bitch on heat and her identity as a human being is totally negated. A free and independent woman is an animal to be tamed, a peasant to be screwed.

My hopes are smashed, my mind disillusioned. I just want to go home.

But going home is such a ride
 Going home is such a ride
 Going home is such a ride
 Going home is such a low and lonely ride.

I watch the game
 and if I play I know I'll grow for broke
 it must be go for broke
 the game is fixed
 it's just a
 funny,
 foolish
 never ending joke

The dealer wins
 and beckons with a toothless taunting grin
 I know I cannot win

the game is fixed
 okay all right
 okay all right
 okay all right
 god damn it
 deal
 me
 in (Dory Previn)

But I do not have the strength to play the game; I want to be free and live and honest and so; I plead in hopelessness — deal me OUT.

Alison Weeks.



SULLIVANS CREEK



The informed and ecologically aware student wandered towards the Meetings Room. The hands of the large wall clock indicated 1p.m. A slight moisture formed upon her forehead. Her stomach tightened as she anticipated the experience ahead.

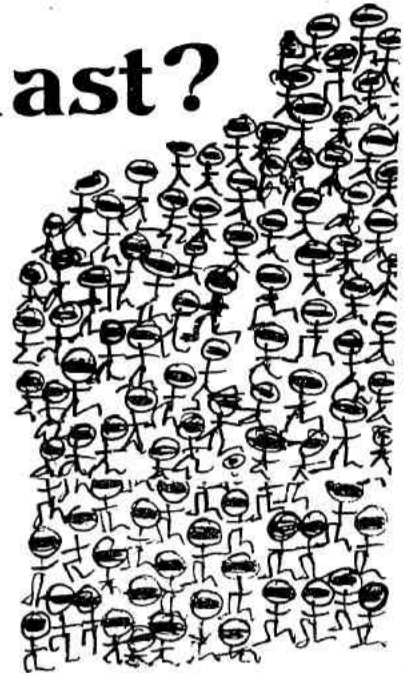
Trembling, her hand closed around the door handle — pressure — release. Her determination concentrated as hostile eyes met the entrance: a Normal, Everyday Student had deemed to enter the hallowed sanction of a Student Association Environment Group meeting.

She had thought long and hard; this step would be irrevocable. No longer would she be aligned with the major campus power group i.e.

'The Apathetic Student Body'

'My God, I'll be involved . . . people will think I'm conscious and aware!'

dead at last?



DO YOU TOO SUFFER FROM PREDICAMENT OF

CROSSPURPOSES?
INDECISION?
UNCONSCIOUS NON-INVOLVEMENT

DO YOU SHAKE AND SHIVER AT THE THOUGHT OF 'STUDENT ASSOCIATION ENVIRONMENT GROUP?'

For intriguing truths about YOUR hidden and deep desires fill in the Quiz(zes) below:

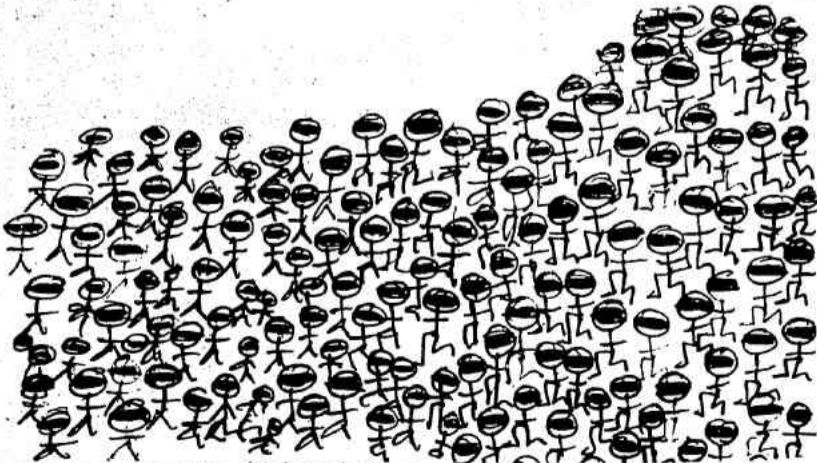
ARE YOU UNSURE HOW TO BECOME PART OF THE INTERESTED, INVOLVED MINORITY WITHOUT LOSING FRIENDS AND NOT INFLUENCING PEOPLE?

LATE AFTERNOON REFECTORY QUIZ.

- The Fox Report is an important Government document that says :
 - keep foxes in the ground
 - Mining companies must not shoot dingoes
 - It is not safe for human beings to catch kangaroos
 - It is not safe for human beings to mine Uranium.
- What can you do to save the whale?
 - send letters to your local M.P. Mr Fraser and Mr Sinclair
 - donate money to the Whale Action Fund, C/- Environment Centre, P.O. Box 1875, Canberra City.
 - Wear a 'Save the Whale' badge.
 - Buy a whole co-operatively with your friends and keep it in Bruce Hall pond.
- How can an average, everyday, hungry student not fall victim to the capitalistic, moneymaking, multi-dollar business of packaging?
 - Read the article 'The Non-Returnable Earth' in the last Woroni.
 - Stage a peel off in the Refectory, and remove all plastic wrappings from cheese before purchasing.
 - Make paper aeroplanes from stocking wrappers
 - Not consume
- Are forests
 - Green, shady and made of pine trees?
 - Places where tractors do noisy, dusty things?
 - Providers of solace, comfort and stimuli to creative thought?
 - Money?
- What is an Environment Centre?
 - A provider of solace, comfort, and stimulus to creative thought
 - The centre of the Universe
 - Block 'E' Childers Street Buildings.
 - dull, mundane, confused and boring.

AFTER DINNER QUIZ

- What are the aims and objectives of the ANU Campus Environment Group?
 - To answer all the Environment debate questions,
 - To provide wine and cheese on dull winter evenings,
 - To clean up Sullivan's Creek
 - To give the Environment Officer a ready made political platform.
- Why is the Environment Group an elitist body?
 - Who says it is is? Have you been yet?
 - It refuses to contact students 'on their level'
 - It doesn't have a body.
 - If you think the Group is elitist, check the individuals who compose it out instead.
- What has the Environment Group done?
 - Nothing
 - Put up posters on the notice board opposite Union toilets.
 - Not used its clubs and Societies grant for wine and cheese yet
 - Shown Australia the way to educated and enlightened environmental involvement.
- What will the Environment Group do in future?
 - Keep you guessing
 - Forget Sullivan's Creek exists
 - Forget contributions to media outlets i.e. Woroni, 2XX, Refectory Blurb.
 - Not have wine and cheese
- When is the next Campus Environment Group meeting and where?
 - Arbour Day at Stromlo
 - Tuesday 21st June 1 p.m.
 - Tuesday 21st June 1 p.m. The Bridge
 - Tuesday 21st June 1 p.m. The Bridge with frequent oscillations to the Bar.



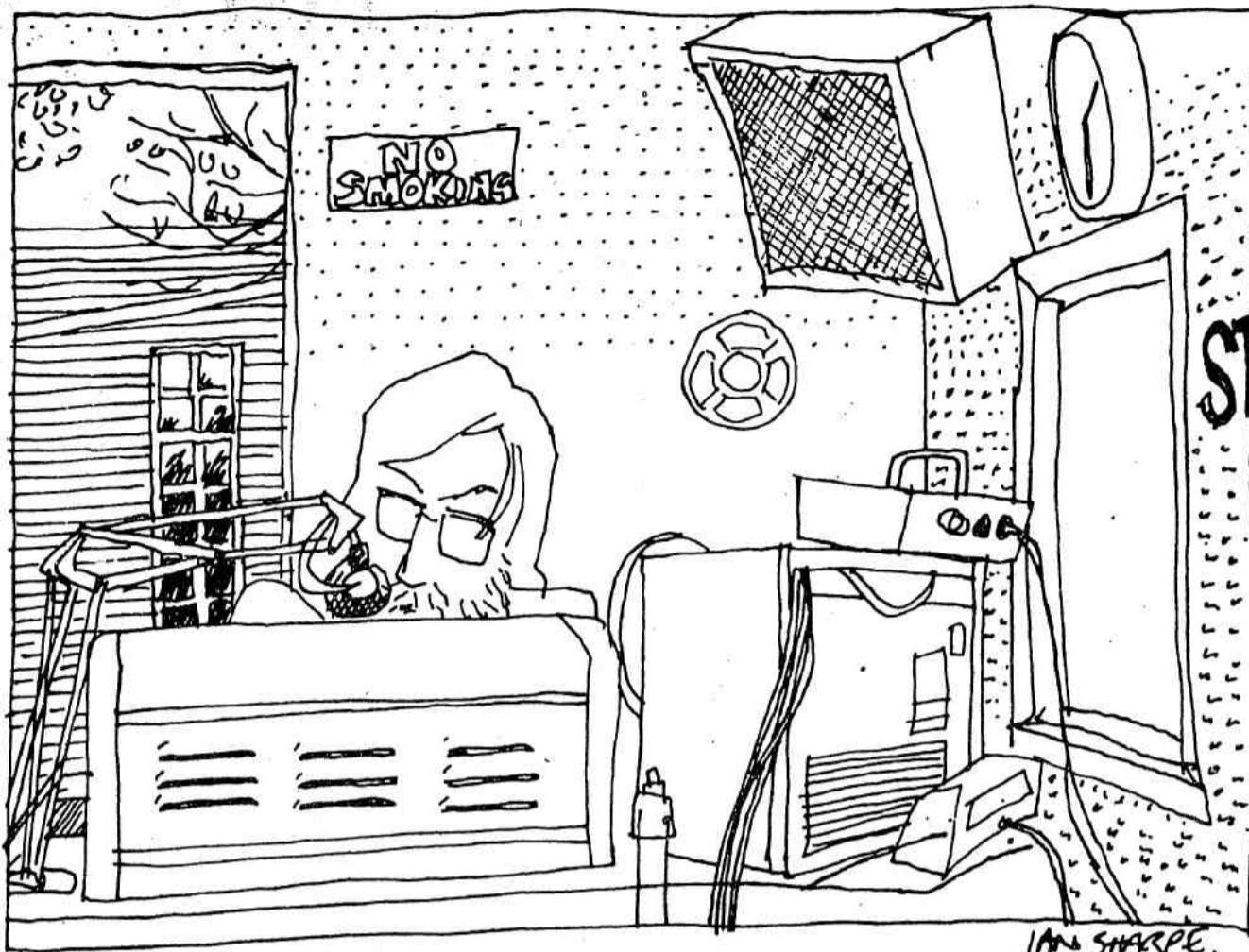
Answers to both Quizzes should be analysed by Environmental experts. It can be arranged to do this in your presence, by following these simple steps:

- Fill in one/either or neither of the quizzes
- Wander along to the Environment Group Meeting on June 20th at 1 p.m. The Bridge, where Environmental Experts will be profuse.
- Bring your own wine and cheese
- Contact the Environment Officer through the Students' Association, or leave a message (Ph.2444) if you need special, personalised attention. Note: for serious environmentalists, private lecture facilities can be erected in strategic corners of the Bridge.
- Tenders are called to design or modify suitable attacks upon that major campus power group, 'The Apathetic Student Body'.

NOTE: No picketing, coups or political manoeuvres considered.

ecologically yours, Your Elitist Environment Officer

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A WORD ABOUT WHALES

During the week of June 20 through 24 at the Lakeside Hotel, the International Whaling Commission will meet once again to decide the fate of the world's endangered whales. It is five years since the United Nations recommended a ten year moratorium on commercial whale killing 'as a matter of urgency'. In that five years the whaling nations have consistently refused to accept the U.N.'s recommendation, preferring instead to regulate themselves. This self regulation has resulted in the death of more than a hundred and fifty thousand great whales and countless numbers of smaller whales and dolphins. In a spirit of self appreciation the whaling nations, principally Japan, continue to assure the public that they have the best interests of the whales at heart, and are indeed conservationists.

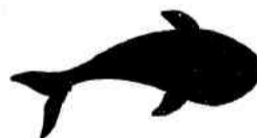
We can only look at the record of the Commission which raises serious questions regarding its ability to police itself and protect the world's whales. During the thirty years of the Commission's life as an international regulatory body we have seen the commercial extinction of seven of the ten species of great whales under the gun. These species are now so diminished in numbers that it is no longer profitable to hunt them, and they have been given belated paper protection by the I.W.C. These species are the Blue, Fin, Grey, two species of Right whales, the Bowhead and the Humpback. The only species now hunted to any extent are the Sperm, the Sei, the Minke and it is fast becoming clear that the Sei whales are dangerously close to commercial extinction. This in effect leaves only two species that exist in sufficient numbers to justify large scale whaling, the Sperm whale

and the Minke. The decline in weight of Sperm whales indicate that world quotas are being set much too high for these animals. We know nothing about the little Minke whale for which the I.W.C. keeps varying the catch quotas. The principal whaling nations are the U.S.S.R. and Japan, together they account for about 80 per cent of the world's kill. In addition Norway, Australia, Iceland, Brazil and Denmark, kill a minimal number of whales and belong to the I.W.C. The other whaling nations, who are not members of the I.W.C. are Peru, Portugal, Spain, Chile and South Korea. Peru and Chile operate outside of the Commission's regulations but are owned and controlled by Japanese firms. Australia operates one whaling station at Cheynes Beach near Albany, Western Australia. The station employs about 100 people in a seasonal industry.



In 1975 Cheynes Beach station took 1,172 sperm whales, most of the whales being taken within thirty miles of Cheynes Beach. The Australian industry represents more to the future of the whales than the loss of 1,000 whales a year, as the politics of whaling has thrown Australia onto the side of the whaling nations and caused her, in spite of announced official policy, to argue for high quotas for Japan and the U.S.S.R. Thus the withdrawal of Australia from whaling and the conversion of the Cheynes Beach Station into a fisheries research station would have an important impact on the future of the world's whales.

There are many arguments that can be advanced concerning the propriety of whaling and the need to continue the killing of the few species that still manage to evade the harpoon. Recent research on whale brain anatomy indicates that the great whale and their smaller relatives, the dol-



phins and porpoises, possess highly evolved complex brains, similar in structure to human brains. In terms of the complexity of the neo cortex, the absolute number of neurons, and the areas devoted to association; the great 'silent areas' of the brain, whales and dolphins exhibit the potential for what we can call consciousness or associational thought. Obviously what these immense and graceful animals think about can only be conjectured; but if humans succeed in killing them off, we will be left with our suppositions for all time. Historically whales have been treated as giant floating hamburgers, free to anyone who had the technological capacity to kill and render them. The next few weeks in Canberra will tell us whether we have the capacity to rethink our basic relationships to the world which has given us birth and sustenance. In the most essential terms it may be meat and oil for a few for a short time, or the possibilities of communication with a massive and unknown intelligence forever.

Article by Joan McIntyre, founder of Project Jonah, author of 'Mind in The Waters' a book to celebrate the consciousness of whales and dolphins.

We invite you to join our efforts to turn the tide for the whales. Please contact us at the Environment Centre, Block E, Childers Street Buildings, Canberra. City.

DEMONSTRATE YOUR CONCERN FOR THE WHALES BY JOINING US IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES -

- June 19
Sunday A WHALE'S DAY IN THE PARK. Commonwealth Park, 12.30-3.30pm. Whale Games, dances, music, a 40 foot floating whale, and good times in the spirit of cetaceans.
- June 20
Monday A CEREMONY OF CONCERN Greeting the Whaling Commissioners as they begin the I.W.C. meeting, 9.30-10.30a.m. Lakeside Hotel.

*** SPECIAL UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES
June 22

- Wednesday Report on the I.W.C. Meeting and film 'In Search of the Bowhead Whale' National Film Board of Canada. 1 p.m. Hayden Allen Tank, A.N.U.

If you can help further with time, money, love or talent, please contact us at The Environment Center, Block E, Rm4, Childers Street, Meetings at 6 p.m. Wednesdays.

STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

I MOVE THAT DOGS BE GIVEN VOTING RIGHTS

It was 8.20p.m. before the last S.A. Meeting could be opened with a record low attendance of just over 50 people. The meeting was incredibly badly advertised by the Student Association President and his chairing of the meeting though funny at times was called 'partisan' by some activists.

There were demands that Gina Casey's newly acquired dog 'Cumulous Nimbus' show a student card or be excluded. Retorted Gina 'I move that dogs be given voting rights'.

Robert Taylor is raising some reactions from the office holders of clubs and societies. He is also causing considerable discussion in S.A. Meetings about the way he handles his clubs and societies portfolio. A yearly grant of \$81 to the Pro-Life Society was questioned. Rob Arden moved a motion prohibiting year long grants by the Clubs & Societies Committee on the argument that this meant that submitted budgets would have to be taken on faith. Robert K.L. Taylor countered by saying that the motion, if carried, would spell the end of forward planning by Clubs & Societies. The motion was carried.

Alastair Walton moved that societies whose activities consisted mainly of grogging on be disaffiliated. There was once an attempt to form a 'Society to rip off S.A. Funds'. Walton emphasised his point by announcing a hypothetical 'A.N.U. Wine & Cheese Grog On Society'. Someone from the desperately needed Toad Hall Social Club asked if Alastair would prefer an anti-social club. Alastair's motions were lost.

Robert Taylor's proposed changes to Clubs & Societies Regulations were the cause of some mirth. Alastair Walton pointed out that the S.A. couldn't pass a motion saying that a 'balance sheet shall mean a statement of income & expenditure for the year'. It does not mean anything of the sort.

Is the ISTC stamp just another piece of rubber floating around the S.A. Office. Apparently it is not because it costs \$200 in fines when lost.

Richard Webb asked a question about the quarterly bill for one of the telephones — from Jon Nicholson's reply it seems likely that the S.A. will revert back to S.T.D. phones.

JEFFERSON LEE AND ALL THAT

Mary Perkins, A.U.S. N.S.W. Regional Organizer spoke in a totally predictable and dead pan fashion about A.U.S. until she started criticising the Maoist Students for Australian Independence (S.A.I.) and *National U* Editor Jefferson Lee, starting with the A.N.U. S.A.I.'s leaflet *Independence Struggle* No.14. Jefferson Lee has laid the union open to expensive libel action through the last *National U*. The local S.A.I. persists in claiming that the libel is merely alleged by A.U.S. executive. The facts are that in addition to allegedly libellous material at present in legal dispute there was material critical of A.U.S. Executive.

Attempts by a Burgmann student new at meetings to move motions against A.U.S. Executive — for not representing the interests of students as a whole — and Jefferson Lee — for *National U* — were defeated.

Tim Nicholson spoke about Fraser's guillotine work on education in this country — you can read about its implications elsewhere in this issue. Rob Arden successfully moved that the A.N.U.S.A. urge Council (the governing body of the A.N.U.) to express its concern at the education expenditure cuts.

The calling of nominations for the long defunct A.U.S. committee to me signals the beginning of moves against Peter Searle, currently A.U.S. Secretary, who many think has not adequately fulfilled his obligations. Peter maintains that, despite his full-time public service position, he is doing precisely what he promised to the students who elected him.

Not surprisingly the meeting does not wish Jon Nicholson to make a president's report at Kim McGrath's behest. In the election for S.A. Representative on the 2-XX Board of Management David Crofts defeated Robert Taylor 42-10 after Jon Nicholson withdrew his nomination. James Dibble scored only one vote.

Robert Taylor moved a motion that Jefferson Lee's term as editor of *National U* be terminated; In the debate about the motion, *Woroni* editor, Phil Dickie pointed out that Jefferson had been elected at Council and that A.N.U. students, not being able to glean the facts of the controversy from either Jefferson Lee or A.U.S. executive should not attempt to set aside a Council election. Debbie Madelen thought he may have been unwilling to see a precedent set for removing editors from office. Ian Jordan claimed that the circumstances were extraordinary enough to warrant Jefferson Lee's removal and listed by issue, page, column, and paragraph, cases of anti homosexual comment in *National U*. The local S.A.I. branch was joined, strangely, by Alastair Walton in defending *National U*. Paradoxically Ian Jordan was wearing a 'Mao' jacket during the meeting.

MEETING TERMINATED BY WALKOUT

There was a surprising amount of opposition to the President being given discretionary powers to regulate telephone use. Jon Nicholson's motive in arranging to have the motion moved is simply to control the S.A.'s appallingly high phone bill. The motion was likely to be passed so some 'heavies' who may have wished to continue their unlimited use of phones at students' expense thereupon walked out and called for a quorum count. There being less than fifty students present the meeting was closed. The walk-out, which featured Ian Jordan, Robert Taylor, and Richard Webb amongst others — was nothing but a cynical political manoeuvre that cast a bad light on the professed democratic ideals of some activists.

My announcement that *Woroni* would report the walkout in an unfavourable light resulted in Ian Jordan claiming that he was not aware what motion was being considered and Robert Taylor foreshadowing a 'regulate phone usage' motion for the next S.A. Meeting (!).

Phil Dickie

el presidente

Carrick's statement :

'We have given a guarantee that the funding (of universities) will not fall below its present rate and that there will be a minimum growth of 2 per cent over the next 3 years.'

- Senator Carrick
Minister for Education
May 1976.

Last Friday Senator Carrick released a statement saying that there would be no increase in spending on Universities and schools and in fact there will be a decrease.

Over the last twelve months, Senator Carrick has given assurances after assurance that the Government would increase spending on universities. Not often I suppose do we have the joy of seeing politicians so blatantly renege on a policy and it's something I also suppose that should have been expected.

However in this case there will be severe results for this university. Classes will get bigger. If you're at school chances of coming to university will take a dive. There will be no turnover of staff, the teachers in twenty years time will be unchanged from those today (if you think they're boring now, think how they'll be in twenty years having taught the same course twenty more times).

It makes you wonder how long the government can play silly buggers and get away with it.

Two changes round the Students' Association.

At the beginning of each Students' Association Meeting (every second Wednesday 8p.m., Meetings Room) there will be a question time. 15-20 minutes to ask anyone you like what you like. Secondly we will be using the information desk area (where the photographer operates from) for those who don't wish to brave the insensitivity of the Students' Association Office. Bush Week this year is 8-12 August and plans are underway for a little more than the usual tinnies and Iron Man Race. Remember it's the one week of the year you can get away with almost anything.

NEXT MEETING

8PM

WEDNESDAY 22ND JUNE

UNION MEETINGS ROOM

INQUIRY INTO HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS

Students wishing to make suggestions or submissions

Contact:

S.A. Office
Sue Paull
Sally Burns
Mark Angus
Jon Nicholson

POLITICS SOCIETY

A.G.M. JUNE 23RD 1.15p.m.

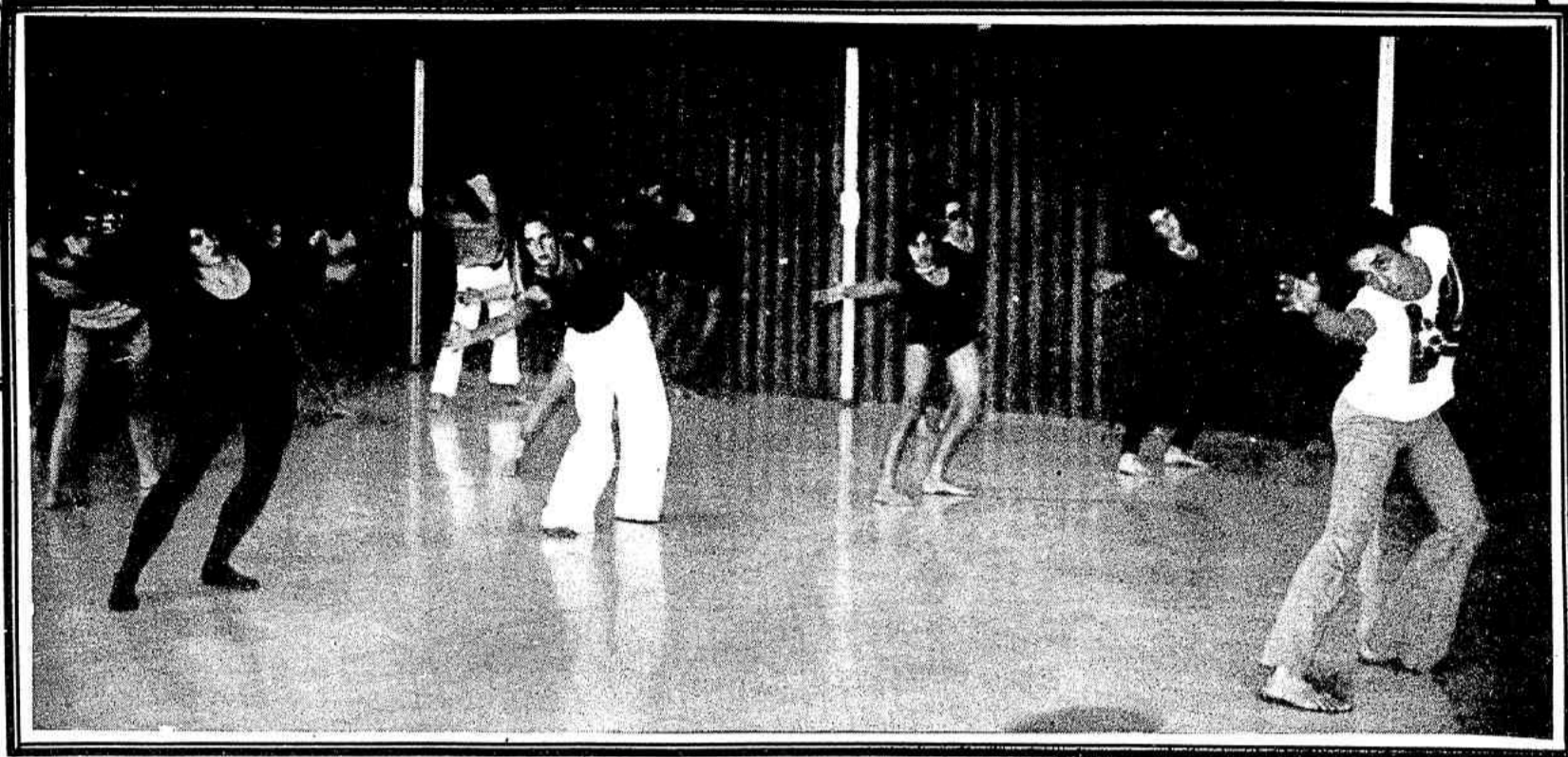
Room 1002 . Pol.Sc. Dept Centre

All positions open.

Constitutional amendments under consideration.

ALL WELCOME

Graham Jones leads a class of beginners in a weekend workshop



KINETIC ENERGY

KINETIC ENERGY DANCE WORKSHOPS/Various classes. Tuesday 12th July to Sunday 17th July Bookings Union Shop./ Enquiries Mary Grady 68 3214

People can be geometrical shapes, but you're not much of a geometrical shape if you haven't got the right muscles. A group of people can't be much of a polyhedron if they can't combine. *Kinetic Energy Dance Group* danced before a variety of audiences, some of whom paid, some of whom didn't, some of whom came from interstate to watch, some of whom watched more or less because they felt trapped by the circling group of dancers, and with somewhat varying degrees of success, the dancers showed them the kinds of shapes you can get with a body and the kind of polyhedrons you can get with an ensemble.

The *Kinetic Energy Dance Group* even found the time to fit in a bit of teaching, holding workshops for a crowded Union Refectory full of dancers and non-dancers. Anybody with two legs and something on top of them can make

some kind of original and reasonable body movements. Co-ordinating these body movements into set (cemented) patterns, is the difficult bit, to the people who did the more 'advanced' movements, ecology dance practice and free expression and the like, found the classes more satisfactory.

Following the Mountain-Mohammed principle, the *Kinetic Energy Dance* people selected out unsuspecting audiences at Civic, Boulevard Plaza and the University Courtyard, lots of people watched, if only for the sake of novelty. No doubt the dancers did these public displays more for their own sake than anybody else's, and enjoyed doing it more than their audience — certainly they had a clearer idea of what was going on.

Our beloved Childers Street Hall was the scene for the *Kinetic Energy Dance Movement's* polished and paying public performance. For your lay public,

which means peasant, which means me, the segments of *'Australians'* were more immediately appealing and understandable than the other bits. The dance depicting the political events, leading up to and after *Remembrance Day 1975* were fascinating, great fun; but I couldn't single out what the events depicted actually were, except the sacking of Gough and Labor losing the election. The last dance was absolutely terrific, especially for anybody with a bit of cosmopolitan imagination. Many of the body movements and sequences were taken from Aboriginal art, especially the animated Mimi drawings of central Australia. The dance superbly illustrated the birth of the Aboriginal people and their world from the earth in the dreamtime, the different rites of passage in the individual's life, and the final re-union of everything back into Womb of Earth.

Dave Bulbeck



Environmental Dance in the Union Court.

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dog AND mouse

IAN SHARPE

